

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
3 MIAMI DIVISION

4 Case No. 01-4319-CIV-KING/O'SULLIVAN

5 SYLVIA ALLEN, etc.,)
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7 Plaintiff,)
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9 vs.)
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11 R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY,)
12 and PHILIP MORRIS, INC.,)
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14 Defendants.)
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16 201 South Biscayne Blvd.
17 Miami, Florida
18 December 9, 2002
19 1:25 p.m. to 6 p.m.

20 Deposition of DR. JORGE ANTUNEZ de MAYOLO

21 Taken before Victor Selvaggi, Jr.,
22 Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in
23 and for the State of Florida at Large, pursuant to
24 Notice of Taking Deposition filed in the above
25 cause.

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1 Thereupon:

2 DR. JORGE ANTUNEZ de MAYOLO,
3 was called as a witness by the Plaintiff, and
4 after being first duly sworn, was examined and
5 testified under oath as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. YAFFA:

8 Q Doctor, good afternoon.

9 A Good afternoon.

10 Q You and I just met for the first time,
11 correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Again, my name is Andrew Yaffa. I'm one
14 of the lawyers representing the estate of Robert
15 Allen.

16 Do you understand that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Your name, as listed on your CV, is
19 Jorge Antunez de Mayolo.

20 A Antunez de Mayolo.

21 Q Tell me how you want me to refer to
22 you.

23 A Dr. Antunez.

24 Q I'll do my best. If I call you Dr.
25 Mayolo by accident it's because I've been looking

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1 at that name throughout the case.

2 If I ask you a question today that
3 doesn't make sense or isn't clear, please tell me
4 to rephrase the question. I want to be real clear
5 with you that you and I are understanding each
6 other. Okay?

7 A Sure.

8 Q If you need a break at any time to look

9 at some records, to use the rest room or speak
10 with the lawyers, you simply let me know. I want
11 you to be comfortable.

12 A Thank you.

13 Q I don't anticipate we will be here very
14 long, but a lot will depend on what you have to
15 say and what your responses are.

16 You understand that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Please give your full name and address
19 for the record.

20 A My name is Jorge Antunez de Mayolo.
21 A-n-t-u-n-e-z d-e M-a-y-o-l-o.

22 My address is [DELETED],
23 [DELETED].

24 Q And is there a medical practice located
25 at that address?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And can you please give me the official
3 name of that medical practice?

4 A Oncology and Radiation Associates.

5 Q Does anybody else practice radiation and
6 oncology other than yourself?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Who else practices these specialties?

9 A Dr. Luis Villa, V-i-l-l-a. Dr. Antonio
10 Ucar, U-c-a-r.

11 Q Have you discussed this case with Dr.
12 Ucar or Dr. Villa?
13 A No.
14 Q Can you please give me a short synopsis
15 of your clinical practice?
16 A I'm a board certified hematologist
17 oncologist, as well as board certified internist
18 and geriatrician.
19 I've been practicing with Oncology and
20 Radiation Associates for 12 years.
21 I graduated from the medical school at
22 Cayetano Heridia, C-a-y-e-t-a-n-o H-e-r-i-d-i-a,
23 in Lima, Peru in 1983. After which, I did an
24 Osler clerkship, O-s-l-e-r, internship at Johns
25 Hopkins University. After which, I was accepted

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1 as an intern and resident at the University of
2 Miami program at Jackson Memorial Hospital.
3 I did my training in internal medicine
4 there, followed by my training in hematology and
5 oncology. Following which, I was accepted as a
6 visiting associate at the National Institute of
7 Health in Bethesda, Maryland, at the National
8 Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. I stayed there
9 until 1992. After which, I came to join the
10 practice of Oncology and Radiation Associates.
11 The discrepancy of two years is because
12 I actually practiced part-time between Bethesda
13 and Miami.

14 Q What was your specialty when you
15 practiced?

16 A Oncology.

17 Q You indicated that you did an Osler
18 clerkship.

19 A Yes.

20 Q What is that?

21 A It's actually a medical school program
22 that Johns Hopkins University Medical School set
23 for fourth year medical students. Even though I
24 was a graduated physician, I was accepted to
25 participate in that. What it does is it brings

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1 you up to par, in a manner of speaking, with
2 American medical students.

3 Q And why do you need to be brought up to
4 par with American medical students?

5 A More than anything, to get familiarity
6 during the time before your residency with the
7 difference in the practices in hospitals more than
8 the practice in medicine.

9 Likewise, the language ability was
10 enormous during that time. To me it was a
11 tremendous experience, both for the hospital
12 practice, it's a different country, it's a
13 different hospital environment.

14 Medicine-wise, I actually feel very
15 comfortable with my medical training and it showed

16 on my performance in the hospital.

17 Q You were trained in another country,
18 correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And where were you trained?

21 A I finished medical school in Peru.

22 Q I know in many foreign medical studies
23 it incorporates both the high school, the college
24 and the medical school education into a combined
25 unit.

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you attend such a similar situation?

3 A No.

4 Q All right. Describe for me, did you go
5 to actually three years of high school?

6 A I went -- the high school in my country
7 finishes at what would be the 11th grade. After
8 that, you do what is equivalent two years of
9 college within the same medical school, and then
10 you do six years of medical school, which adds up
11 to eight years of higher education.

12 Q Here in the United States it would have
13 been the high school education through 12th grade,
14 four years of college and four years of medical
15 school.

16 A Correct.

17 Q Plus any additional training you want to
18 go on to.

19 A Yes.

20 Q In your country, it was three years of

21 high school, stopping in the 11th grade, two years

22 of college, plus four years of medical school,

23 correct?

24 A No. I said you finish in what's

25 equivalent, as far as age goes, in the 11th

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1 grade. Then you do two years of college, then you

2 do six years of medical school.

3 Q That was my mistake.

4 Did you go on, after finishing your six

5 years of medical school, to do any additional

6 training in any area of residency or internship?

7 A You mean in Peru?

8 Q In Peru.

9 A No.

10 Q In Peru, once you graduated from medical

11 school, what year was that?

12 A 1983.

13 Q In 1983, did you practice medicine in

14 Peru for any period of time?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. For how long?

17 A Can I --

18 Q Please.

19 A -- just get my thoughts together for a

20 minute?

21 Q Sure.
22 A Actually, no. Not in 1983.
23 Q When did you graduate?
24 A In 1983.
25 Q What did you do immediately upon

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1 graduating?
2 A I completed my thesis for graduation.
3 Q That thesis was on what?
4 A My thesis was on mortality due to
5 typhoid fever in children.
6 Q Okay. And at what point did you first
7 begin to work as a physician after graduation in
8 1983?
9 A Between the time I went to Johns Hopkins
10 in Baltimore and the time I started my internship
11 in the United States, I had a five month interval,
12 during which I went back to Lima and I was hired
13 as a physician.
14 Q Practicing any particular specialty in
15 Lima?
16 A No, general practice.
17 Q Okay.
18 A It was in Lima. I was working for an
19 American company in the northern part of the
20 country.
21 Q What was the name of the company?
22 A Occidental Petroleum Company.
23 Q Now, did you apply to any medical

24 schools in the United States?

25 A No.

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1 Q You indicated that you came to the
2 current practice where you have been for the last
3 12 years. Is that right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And you told me that it's broken down,
6 your specialty is broken down into hematology,
7 oncology, internal medicine and geriatrics.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Has your practice been broken down in
10 those specialties for the last 12 years?

11 A Can you please clarify what you mean by
12 broken down?

13 Q Sure. I asked you to describe for me
14 the specifics of your practice. You told me it
15 was hematology and oncology.

16 A Uh-hum.

17 Q Yes?

18 A Yes.

19 Q I understand those are different areas
20 of specialty. You told me that you were also
21 practicing as an internist and a geriatrician.
22 That's the word you used, correct?

23 A Yes. My intention when I described that
24 was to describe different certifications that I
25 had. My practice is truly exclusively hematology

1 and oncology.

2 Q If you were to break down 100 percent of
3 your time as a physician today, how would you
4 break down that 100 percent in the areas of
5 specialty that you just laid out for me?

6 A One hundred percent hematology and
7 oncology.

8 Q Is 100 percent of your time spent on
9 dealing with cancer patients? Is 100 percent of
10 your time dealing with blood disorders? Is it
11 broken down? Is there a combination of both?

12 I'm trying to find out how you break
13 down and spend your time.

14 A It is a difficult breaking down
15 categorization to make. I would say that about 80
16 percent and probably 85 percent of the patients
17 that I see have a cancer.

18 Q Eighty-five percent have a cancer.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Be it a solid tumor or hematologic
22 malignancy. The remanding 15 to 20 percent that I
23 see have a hematologic disorder.

24 Q Be it TTC, sickle cell?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you currently teach?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And is it a voluntary position or paid?

4 A It's a voluntary position.

5 Q Have you ever held a paid position in

6 any teaching institution?

7 A No.

8 Q In regard to your teaching

9 responsibility at the present time, tell me, how

10 often do you teach?

11 A I teach once a week, first and second

12 year medical students in the University of Miami

13 School of Medicine.

14 Q Is it clinical teaching where they are

15 following you around the hospital, or a classroom

16 where you are actually giving a presentation or a

17 speech on a particular topic?

18 A Clinical teaching.

19 Q When you say clinical, it means you have

20 a bunch of students following you on rounds?

21 A It means I have two to four students

22 seeing patients with me in the office.

23 Q All right. And currently you have

24 students assigned to you in the office?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Have you ever published on the

2 topic of smoking and lung cancer?

3 A No.

4 Q Have you ever published on the topic of

5 smoking and kidney cancer?

6 A No.

7 Q Do you believe that smoking causes

8 cancer?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: Can you please be more

11 precise as to what kind of cancer you are

12 referring to?

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Do you believe that smoking causes lung

15 cancer?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you believe that that's been known

18 for many, many years?

19 A What do you mean by many, many years?

20 Q Do you believe that it's been known for

21 the last 50 years that smoking is known to cause

22 lung cancer?

23 A No.

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q Do you believe it's been known for the

2 last 40 years?

3 A No.

4 Q Do you believe it's been known for the

5 last 30 years, that smoking causes cancer?

6 I could do it this way or ask you for
7 how many years do you believe it's been well known
8 that smoking causes cancer.

9 A Are you asking me a question?

10 Q Yes.

11 A What is the question?

12 Q For how many years have you known
13 smoking causes lung cancer?

14 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
15 the question.

16 THE WITNESS: For about 25 to -- 25
17 years.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q Twenty-five years. Did you know in 1983
20 when you graduated medical school that smoking
21 caused lung cancer?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Was that taught to you in medical
24 school?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q Did you know in 1983 when you graduated
2 medical school, that there was a statistical link
3 between smoking and kidney cancer?

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q Do you believe there is a statistical
8 link between smoking and kidney cancer?
9 A No.
10 Q Do you believe that there is any
11 increased risk to a smoker to develop kidney
12 cancer?
13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
14 THE WITNESS: What kind of kidney cancer
15 do you mean?
16 BY MR. YAFFA:
17 Q How about clear cell carcinoma?
18 A Clear cell, no.
19 Q Do you believe there is a statistical
20 increased risk for any type of kidney cancer for a
21 smoker?
22 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.
23 THE WITNESS: For renal pelvis
24 carcinoma, urothelial, u-r-o-t-h-e-l-i-a-l.
25 MR. GERAGHTY: Just for purposes of the

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1 record, Doctor, I may at various moments interpose
2 an objection to the form of Mr. Yaffa's question,
3 and just so I'm not cutting you off or making the
4 record choppy and preventing the deposition from
5 running smoothly, if you could just pause a moment
6 or two after his question so I have the
7 opportunity to do that so I'm not talking over
8 you, because it's difficult for the Court Reporter
9 to take us down at the same time.

10 THE WITNESS: Sure.

11 BY MR. YAFFA:

12 Q Okay. You do recognize that there is a
13 statistical link there is an increased risk for
14 smokers to develop certain types of kidney cancer?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q How long have you known that?

17 A For the past 14 years.

18 Q In regard to testimony such as this,
19 which you are giving in this case, have you ever
20 given a deposition before?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q In what context have you given
23 depositions?

24 A Medical malpractice cases.

25 Q In regard to the medical malpractice

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1 cases, for how many years have you been providing
2 testimony?

3 A Eight or nine years.

4 Q And approximately how many times a year
5 do you get involved in the malpractice setting?

6 A Two to four times a year.

7 Q And in regard to the two to four times a
8 year that you get involved, are you telling me
9 that you actually give a deposition two to four
10 times a year and have been doing so for the last
11 eight years?

12 A No.

13 Q How many depositions do you think you

14 have given for the last eight years you have been

15 doing this kind of work?

16 A Less than one per year.

17 Q In regard to the medical malpractice

18 work that you have done, can you give me a

19 breakdown as to the percentage that you actually

20 got involved on behalf of the injured patient

21 versus defending the doctor or hospital?

22 A 50/50.

23 Q 50/50?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Have you actually given testimony on

20

1 behalf of a plaintiff before?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Have you ever testified on the topic of

4 tobacco and cancer?

5 A No.

6 Q Have you ever been asked to testify in

7 behalf of the tobacco industry regarding tobacco

8 and cancer?

9 A No. Prior to this time?

10 Q Prior to this case.

11 A No.

12 Q Can you tell me how it is, if you know,

13 that these law firms, and I don't know who

14 retained you, Shook, Hardy or one of the other law

15 firms.

16 A Shook, Hardy and Bacon.

17 Q You understand Shook, Hardy and Bacon is

18 defending a company called Philip Morris?

19 A Yes.

20 Q These other law firms are representing

21 R.J. Reynolds?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You understand these companies have been

24 producing cigarettes for many, many years in the

25 United States and elsewhere?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you know how it is these lawyers

3 defending the tobacco industry came to arrive here

4 to get you to testify on their behalf?

5 A No, I don't.

6 Q Do you know whether or not your name was

7 given to them by somebody?

8 A No, I don't.

9 Q All right. You told me that you believe

10 that you have known for the last 25 years and were

11 taught in medical school that cigarettes cause

12 lung cancer, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Prior to sitting down here today, have

15 you been provided with any documentation at all

16 regarding the tobacco industry's internal

17 documents regarding what they knew and when they
18 knew it?

19 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
20 the question.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q Do you have any information, as you sit
24 here right now, from any source regarding what the
25 tobacco industry knew and for how many years they

22

1 have known it?

2 A What do you mean by knew or known it?

3 Q As you sit here today, you told me
4 you've known since at least 1983 because you were
5 taught in medical school that cigarettes cause
6 lung cancer.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Has anybody advised you that the tobacco
9 industry, Shook, Hardy and the firm they
10 represent, Philip Morris, these other law firms,
11 R.J. Reynolds, they have known for at least 50
12 years that cigarettes cause lung cancer? Did you
13 know that?

14 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
15 the question.

16 THE WITNESS: No.

17 MS. FURNESS: Same objection.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q Have you seen any documentation at all,

20 or did anybody advise you that they knew for at
21 least 50 years, both through statistical evidence
22 that existed, as well as doing examinations and
23 experiments in their own labs, with animal, goats,
24 pigs, monkeys, gerbils, golden hamsters, fish,
25 rats, that their product causes cancer?

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

2 THE WITNESS: No.

3 BY MR. YAFFA:

4 Q Has anybody advised you that for the
5 last 50 years, while they had this information
6 directly linking their product to cancer, that
7 they represented to the public that their product
8 does not cause any human disease?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
10 the question.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 MS. FURNESS: Before you go on, just so
13 that I'm not constantly saying objection when
14 counsel for --

15 MR. YAFFA: One is good for all.

16 MS. FURNESS: Exactly. Just so that is
17 on the record.

18 MR. GERAGHTY: I appreciate that.

19 BY MR. YAFFA:

20 Q Okay. You certainly recognize their
21 products, Philip Morris' products and R.J.

22 Reynolds' causes human disease.
23 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
24 the question.
25 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by human

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1 disease, sir?
2 BY MR. YAFFA:
3 Q Lung cancer?
4 A Yes.
5 Q Some kidney cancers?
6 A Yes.
7 Q What other cancers do you know of as an
8 oncologist that tobacco, cigarettes are known to
9 cause?
10 A Head and neck cancers.
11 Q How many years have you known that
12 cigarettes cause head and neck cancers?
13 A Twenty-five years.
14 Q Okay. What other cancers do you know as
15 an oncologist that cigarettes cause?
16 A Bladder cancer.
17 Q How many years have you known that there
18 is a relationship between bladder cancer and
19 cigarettes?
20 A Twenty-five years.
21 Q Okay. Any other cancer that you are
22 aware of as an oncologist that tobacco is known to
23 cause?
24 A No.

1 patient's advocate?

2 A Yes.

3 Q When you have a patient that comes in
4 and asks your advice regarding smoking, what
5 advice do you give them?

6 A They have to stop smoking and --

7 Q And why is that?

8 A Because it not only can cause certain
9 types of cancer, but it also is linked to other
10 medical problems.

11 Q Such as?

12 A Such as emphysema, chronic obstructive
13 pulmonary disease. Increases the risk of coronary
14 disease and may make their likelihood for
15 infection, if they are going to be treated with
16 immunosuppressant medication, somewhat higher.

17 Q So you serve as a patient's advocate.
18 When the patient advises you or you find out the
19 patient is smoking, you advise them, for the
20 reasons you just gave me, to stop smoking?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you think that it's appropriate for
23 the industry to hide information from the
24 consumers?

25 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of

1 the question.

2 THE WITNESS: I can't give you an
3 opinion. I cannot give you an opinion on that.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q You can give me an opinion as an
6 oncologist advising his or her patients regarding
7 whether or not it's appropriate to continue or
8 take up the habit of smoking, correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, as an oncologist, do you think it's
11 appropriate for the cigarette industry to hide
12 information that it knew that its product causes
13 disease?

14 MR. GERAGHTY: I object to the form of
15 the question. You are simply asking the same
16 question you asked before.

17 MR. YAFFA: You can object to the form.
18 Otherwise, if I don't ask you for anything else,
19 it's form.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Form. I object to the
21 form of the question.

22 MR. YAFFA: Thank you.

23 MR. GERAGHTY: Asked and answered.

24 MR. YAFFA: Thank you.

25 THE WITNESS: I already answered. I

1 really could not give you an opinion regarding
2 business practice.

3 BY MR. YAFFA:

4 Q I'm not asking you that. I'm asking you
5 whether it's appropriate to withhold information
6 from the public.

7 MR. GERAGHTY: Object to the form of the
8 question. I think you are getting to the point
9 where you are badgering the witness by re-asking a
10 question which he already answered.

11 MR. YAFFA: You are tap dancing around
12 business practice and we are not talking about
13 that. We are talking about lying to the public.
14 That's exactly what they did for 50 years. You're
15 comfortable going ahead and representing them,
16 that's fine.

17 MR. GERAGHTY: If you continue to ask
18 the same question over and over, despite his
19 answers --

20 MR. YAFFA: Well, you can go in front of
21 Judge King.

22 MR. GERAGHTY: Well, I'm not instructing
23 him not to answer. I'm pointing out for the
24 record you asked the same question three times
25 because you are trying to badger him to say

1 something.

2 BY MR. YAFFA:

3 Q Do you think I'm badgering you?

4 A Is this a question that's going on the
5 record?

6 Q Yes.

7 A You are asking me three times the same
8 question.

9 Q Do you think I'm badgering you? Am I
10 sitting here in a calm voice? Am I doing anything
11 to threaten you or intimidate you?

12 A No, you are not.

13 Q Now, Doctor, as an oncologist, do you
14 want your patients to have the benefit of all
15 information that's out there before they engage in
16 an activity that might potentially hurt them?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Would you, as an oncologist, withhold
19 information from your patients?

20 A No.

21 Q Do you think that your patients are
22 entitled to know everything about a product,
23 assuming they are going to put it in their mouth
24 and inhale it into their lung?

25 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of

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1 the question.

2 THE WITNESS: I could not answer that
3 question. You have me confused, really.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q Do you think your patients, each and

6 every one of them, are entitled to all the
7 information about what it is they are going to put
8 in their mouth and inhale into their lungs?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. YAFFA:

12 Q Do you think your patients are entitled
13 to know that the cigarette smoke that's being sold
14 by these companies has been known to cause cancer
15 for the last 50 years?

16 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't know if the
18 patients -- if it's my position with my patients
19 to dictate whether they are entitled to know or
20 not with a third party, which is not me.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q I just asked you a different question.
23 Do you think your patients are entitled
24 to know that information?

25 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

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1 THE WITNESS: I'm going to give you the
2 same answer. I don't think it is my position to
3 tell my patients what they are entitled to know or
4 not from a third party.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Do you smoke?

7 A No.

8 Q Have you ever smoked?
9 A Yes.
10 Q When did you smoke?
11 A I smoked between ages 20 -- I'm sorry.
12 I would say 19 and 24.
13 Q Nineteen and 24.
14 A Yes.
15 Q What brand did you smoke?
16 A I forget. It was in Peru.
17 Q Was Philip Morris selling products in
18 Peru?
19 A I don't know.
20 Q Was R.J. Reynolds?
21 A I don't know.
22 Q Why did you stop?
23 A I stopped actually when I came to Johns
24 Hopkins. Nobody smoked in the hospital. My
25 involvement in the hospital was very deep and I

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1 couldn't smoke, so I decided to quit.
2 Q Do you believe that smoking is
3 addictive?
4 A I am not an expert in addiction. I
5 cannot tell you.
6 Q I know you are not an expert in that
7 area, but as a physician, you certainly have
8 contact with patients day in and day out that
9 smoke who you advise not to.
10 A Yes.

11 Q Have you had patients over the course of
12 your career that have had difficulty quitting?

13 A Very few.

14 Q Have you had patients that do, in fact,
15 have difficulty quitting?

16 A Yes.

17 Q In those patients that have had
18 difficulty, what have you done as an internist in
19 helping them breaking the habit?

20 A Refer them to a pulmonologist.

21 Q Why do you do that as opposed to
22 handling it yourself as an internist?

23 A Because I would ask him to handle any
24 medical therapy for that, if he needs to do that.

25 Q Are you aware as an internist, as you

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1 sit here today, who practices a subspecialty of
2 hematology and oncology, what modalities are out
3 there to help you and your patients stop smoking?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What?

6 A You can use nicotine patches. You can
7 use Zyban. That decreases the craving for
8 smoking. You can use acupuncture, hypnotherapy,
9 psychotherapy. You can also just quit. However,
10 the first step is that you want to quit.

11 Q Do you have an opinion, as you sit here
12 today, as to whether or not smoking is addictive?

13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection, asked and
14 answered.

15 THE WITNESS: As a matter of fact, no.

16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q No, you don't have an opinion?

18 A No, I don't have an opinion.

19 Q Are you aware, as you sit here today,
20 that the company, Philip Morris, who's retained
21 the law firm that, in turn, retained your
22 services, has taken the public position that their
23 product is, in fact, addictive, as the term is
24 commonly used?

25 A I am not aware of that.

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1 Q Have you seen this blue document that
2 was put out in papers some three or four weeks
3 ago?

4 A No.

5 Q It's a Philip Morris publication and
6 it's got a specific section regarding addiction.

7 You haven't seen this?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you know that Philip Morris supports
10 the statement that the overwhelming medical and
11 scientific consensus is that cigarette smoking is
12 addictive?

13 A No. Can I see the document?

14 Q Sure. In fact, we can mark it as an
15 exhibit. We will mark it as Exhibit Number 1 to

16 your deposition.
17 (The document referred to
18 was thereupon marked as
19 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
20 1 for Identification.)
21 MS. FURNESS: Off the record.
22 (Discussion off the record.)
23 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
24 BY MR. YAFFA:
25 Q Do you want to see more?

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1 A No. Can I see just the web site so I
2 can go there?
3 Thank you.
4 Q It actually has a lot of other links
5 that you can go to which will take you to some of
6 the other documents that they refer to in here.
7 So again, Philip Morris says "we agree
8 with the overwhelming medical and scientific
9 consensus that cigarette smoking is addictive."
10 Do you agree with that statement?
11 A I cannot agree with that statement as
12 flatly as is stated.
13 Q Did you know prior to me reading you
14 that, that the medical consensus was that
15 cigarette smoking was addictive?
16 A I don't agree with that.
17 Q Do you know whether or not nicotine is a

18 drug?
19 A Can you please define what you mean by
20 drug?
21 Q Use drug in the routine way in which you
22 normally do in your course of practice.
23 How do you define drug?
24 A I give chemotherapy which are drugs.
25 You open the paper and you read cocaine is a drug.

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1 Q It is a drug.
2 A What do you mean by drug?
3 Q Do you think cocaine is a drug?
4 A Yes.
5 Q Do you think heroin is a drug?
6 A Yes.
7 Q Is cocaine addictive?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Is heroin addictive?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Do they have withdrawal symptoms?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Does nicotine have withdrawal symptoms?
14 A Yes.
15 Q Do you believe that 80 percent of people
16 who smoke cigarettes actually smoke every day?
17 A Yes.
18 Q Do you agree that nearly two-thirds of
19 smokers have their first cigarette within the
20 first half hour after they wake up?

21 A I cannot tell you about that.
22 Q Have you seen studies where up to 85
23 percent of those individuals who smoke a pack or
24 more a day have unsuccessfully been able to reduce
25 the number of cigarettes they smoke?

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
2 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
3 BY MR. YAFFA:
4 Q Have you seen any studies at all
5 regarding people attempting to quit smoking?
6 A No.
7 Q Do you agree that a smoker who makes a
8 serious attempt to stop smoking has a less than
9 five percent chance of being off cigarettes a year
10 later?
11 A I don't concur with that.
12 Q You don't concur with that?
13 A No.
14 Q Even though it's represented here in the
15 document?
16 A I would have to look at the hard data.
17 Q Do you know what the Food and Drug
18 Administration is?
19 A Yes.
20 Q What do they do? What are they
21 responsible for?
22 A They are responsible supervising the

23 production and the marketing of drugs and food in
24 the United States.
25 Q Did you know that Philip Morris and R.J.

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1 Reynolds for many, many years refused to
2 acknowledge nicotine as a drug outside of their
3 walls for fear that the FDA would come in and
4 control their product?

5 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
6 the question.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 BY MR. YAFFA:

9 Q You haven't seen any documents regarding
10 that?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you agree that each year in the
13 United States 15 million people try to quit
14 smoking, but less than three percent have
15 long-term success?

16 A I would like to look at the studies. I
17 cannot have an opinion without looking at them.

18 Q You don't have an opinion without
19 looking at the studies?

20 A No.

21 Q Do you think the FDA is an authoritative
22 source regarding addiction?

23 A No.

24 Q Do you think the National Cancer
25 Institute is an authority on addiction?

1 A Who in the National Cancer Institute?

2 Q Have you seen the statements that they
3 put out as an institute?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What position do they take regarding
6 nicotine and addiction?

7 A The position that the NCI takes is that
8 it's addictive.

9 Q Do you have any reason to disagree with
10 that, as you sit here today?

11 A No.

12 Q What position does the NCI take in
13 regard to tobacco and whether or not it causes
14 cancer?

15 A The NCI takes the position that tobacco
16 causes -- is a cause of many cancers and tobacco
17 use should decrease in the United States.

18 Q Do you have any information at all about
19 the companies that retained your services in this
20 case that manipulated the levels of nicotine over
21 the course of the last 50 years to keep some
22 people smoking?

23 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
24 the question.

25 THE WITNESS: No.

1 BY MR. YAFFA:

2 Q You have no information about that?

3 A No.

4 Q Do you agree that 50 percent of all
5 smokers will essentially succumb to a smoking
6 related illness?

7 A I could not agree with that without
8 looking at the data.

9 Q Are you aware of any statistics right
10 now regarding the number of deaths in the United
11 States related to smoking?

12 You have to be as an oncologist
13 practicing in today's society. Let me reask that
14 question.

15 Do you have any reason to dispute that
16 over 400,000 people per year die in the United
17 States alone related to smoking?

18 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form. I'll
19 object to counsel telling the witness things that
20 counsel believes he ought to know.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q All right. Are you going to tell me you
23 are not aware of these statistics?

24 A I haven't tried to answer yet.

25 Q Go ahead.

1 A I'm aware of those.

2 Q Now, do you have any reason to dispute
3 that over 400 to 450,000 people per year in the
4 United States alone die as a direct result of
5 smoking related illnesses?

6 MR. GERAGHTY: Object to the form.

7 THE WITNESS: I really do have reason to
8 dispute the term direct.

9 BY MR. YAFFA:

10 Q Explain to me the distinction that you
11 are trying to draw.

12 A Within those 400,000 people that die,
13 more than half of them, actually far more than
14 half of them, will die of cardiovascular disease.
15 Smoking is not the single factor. Smoking can be
16 associated, can modulate, can worsen those
17 diseases, but when you use the term direct, you
18 imply that's the causative factor in death. I
19 cannot take that blanket statement.

20 Q Well, I'm not telling you that 450,000
21 people die across the United States across the
22 board. I'm talking about related to smoke.

23 Do you disagree with that?

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q Do you believe smoking causes or
2 contributes -- it's a better question for you.

3 Do you believe that smoking causes or

4 contributes to at least 400,000 deaths per year in
5 the United States?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
8 that question.

9 BY MR. YAFFA:

10 Q How many years do you believe that's
11 been the case?

12 A I don't know.

13 Q Can we agree it's been for the last 10
14 years?

15 A No.

16 Q How long do you believe that's been the
17 case?

18 A I could not tell you regarding the
19 400,000. The 400,000 is a variable number of
20 people that has been changing year by year.

21 Q Do you think that we have a lung cancer
22 epidemic here in the United States?

23 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q I imagine, and, again, I'm assuming that
2 you routinely, as part and parcel of your practice
3 as being a hematologist and oncologist here in
4 Dade County, Florida, read various medical
5 journals that come out.

6 A Yes.

7 Q Have you seen many, many articles coming
8 out which document that there is, in fact, an
9 epidemic of lung cancer here in the United States?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Have you seen reference that there is a
12 lung cancer epidemic worldwide?

13 A No.

14 Q As you sit here today, do you have any
15 information at all about the warnings that Philip
16 Morris puts out on its products in various
17 locations?

18 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
19 the question.

20 THE WITNESS: No.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q Did you know that Philip Morris for many
23 years put warnings on the labels outside of this
24 country regarding its products being addictive?

25 A No.

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1 Q Did you know that while Philip Morris
2 was putting product warnings on the labels that
3 the product was addictive outside of the country,
4 they refused to put that same warning on the
5 labels here in the United States?

6 A I'm not aware of it.

7 Q You are not. Do you know Dr. Sridhar?

8 A I knew.

9 Q As I understand it, he died as a result
10 of cancer. What form of cancer, I don't know. Do
11 you?
12 A Do I know what kind of cancer he died
13 of?
14 Q Yes.
15 A Lymphoma.
16 Q Did you participate in his care?
17 A No.
18 Q Did you ever talk to Dr. Sridhar about
19 this case?
20 A No.
21 Q Did you think that Dr. Sridhar was a
22 quality oncologist?
23 A Yes.
24 Q Do you think that Dr. Sridhar was the
25 type of physician who would review all the

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1 information at his disposal before he arrived at a
2 medical opinion?
3 MR. GERAGHTY: Object to the form of the
4 question.
5 THE WITNESS: He may usually do that.
6 BY MR. YAFFA:
7 Q How about Tom Temple, do you know him?
8 A Yes, I do know him.
9 Q Have you ever talked to him about this
10 case?
11 A No.

12 Q Is he a quality orthopedic oncologist?

13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. YAFFA:

16 Q Do you think Dr. Temple is the type of
17 oncologist who will review and evaluate all the
18 information at his disposal before he arrives at
19 an appropriate medical diagnosis?

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
21 the question.

22 THE WITNESS: Dr. Temple would collect
23 all the information that he has regarding the
24 orthopedic problems that he has to deal with and
25 will decide and act upon the orthopedic problem.

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1 BY MR. YAFFA:

2 Q You have not talked to him about this
3 case?

4 A No.

5 Q Do you have any reason to believe that
6 he didn't do that in this case, meaning review
7 everything about the orthopedic problem that he
8 was evaluating prior to arriving at an appropriate
9 diagnosis?

10 A No.

11 Q Did Dr. Sridhar arrive at a correct
12 diagnosis in this case?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What did he say?
15 A Kidney cancer.
16 Q He arrived at that diagnosis of kidney
17 cancer?
18 A Yes.
19 Q Tell me what your basis is that his
20 opinion was kidney cancer.
21 A The last written order entry on the case
22 is the order for interleukin that was given in
23 August of 1999, and it was handwritten with Dr.
24 Sridhar's handwriting. Diagnosis, kidney cancer,
25 and the order for interleukin, which is an

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1 appropriate treatment for metastatic treatment of
2 cancer.
3 Q Any other basis for your answer that Dr.
4 Sridhar was of the opinion that this was a primary
5 kidney cancer?
6 What was the date, by the way? What was
7 the date on that order? You said it was August.
8 A Yes, it was August, sir.
9 Q Okay. August of '99. He died, I know,
10 in October. I did not mean to cut you off.
11 A I may be off. August or September.
12 Q No problem.
13 MR. GERAGHTY: Why don't you reask your
14 question because I don't know where you are
15 either.
16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q Any other basis for you to state that it
18 was a primary renal other -- strike that.

19 Any other basis for you to state that
20 Sridhar was of the opinion it was a primary renal,
21 other than that last written note regarding the
22 interleukin?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What is it?

25 A From the first day Dr. Sridhar received

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1 the diagnosis of clear cell carcinoma from the
2 pathologists, he requested the appropriate studies
3 to rule out the presence of kidney tumor. Along
4 the course of the medical illness of Mr. Allen,
5 while he was not responding to treatment for lung
6 cancer that Dr. Sridhar started, he repeated
7 the -- requested the same studies on the kidneys,
8 trying to get from his radiologist an answer on
9 whether this man actually had kidney cancer he
10 suspected he had.

11 Q Again, that sort of comes back to
12 Sridhar ordering studies and that last note that
13 we talked about with the interleukin.

14 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
15 the question.

16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q You are telling me that Sridhar
18 repeatedly asked for studies.

19 A Dr. Sridhar, from the time on his notes
20 where he was given the report of clear cell
21 carcinoma of the kidney, asked directly for
22 studies to try to identify a tumor in the kidneys,
23 and he states in his note that that would be his
24 main step, to confirm his suspicion that this was
25 a kidney cancer. When he's not given that

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1 information, he starts the patient on treatment
2 for lung cancer.

3 Along the treatment, he asks again for
4 studies to try to find if there is actually a
5 tumor in the kidney when he sees that the patient
6 is not responding to treatment for lung cancer,
7 and again, he is not given that information.

8 Then at the end of Mr. Allen's life,
9 when he had not responded at all to any of the
10 treatments for lung cancer, he actually makes up
11 his mind and decides that all through his
12 diagnosis it was kidney cancer. He writes it
13 down, he signs it. He orders treatment for kidney
14 cancer.

15 Q So is it your testimony that Dr. Sridhar
16 was wrong throughout the time that he was treating
17 the lung cancer, that Mr. Allen actually had a
18 kidney cancer?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
21 the question.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q You think Sridhar made a mistake?

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q I want to make sure that you and I are
2 on exactly the same page.

3 You think Sridhar made a mistake.

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
5 the question.

6 THE WITNESS: I think Dr. Sridhar chose
7 the wrong diagnosis when the information he was
8 given regarding the state of the kidneys was not
9 correct.

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q Okay. We'll come back and talk about
12 that in greater detail, I'm sure.

13 Tom Temple, what diagnosis did he arrive
14 at?

15 A I don't think that Dr. Temple arrived at
16 a diagnosis of one thing or another. He was given
17 a diagnosis by the pathologist and then he was
18 given a diagnosis in the notes of -- from Marco
19 and Sridhar after they had been told that the
20 kidneys were normal, and he followed that same
21 diagnosis, but at the time, Dr. Temple saw the
22 patient first, the only diagnosis was calcaneous
23 tumor, I'm sure cuboid bone tumor.

24 Q Do you know whether Dr. Temple arrived
25 at his own diagnosis independent of what Dr.

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1 Sridhar did?

2 A I don't think he did.

3 Q Have you talked to him to find out the
4 answer to that question?

5 A No.

6 Q How many times do you think Dr. Temple
7 wrote in his notes that Mr. Allen was suffering
8 from a primary lung tumor?

9 A Every time he went to see him, he was
10 seeing Dr. Allen.

11 Q Dr. Marco, is he a respected radiation
12 oncologist over at the University of Miami?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you think he's the type of physician
15 who will evaluate all the information at his
16 disposal before arriving at an appropriate medical
17 diagnosis?

18 A Yes.

19 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form. You
20 have to give me a moment.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q What diagnosis did Dr. Marco arrive at?

23 A Lung cancer.

24 Q And you think he's mistaken?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q You think Temple is mistaken, Sridhar is
2 mistaken and Marco was mistaken.

3 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
4 the question. You are putting words in the
5 witness' mouth.

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q Do you think the doctors were mistaken?

8 A Dr. Marco arrived at the wrong
9 diagnosis. Dr. Temple, in my opinion, never
10 formed his own independent diagnosis. Dr. Temple
11 followed the diagnosis given to him by Dr. Marco
12 and Sridhar, and Dr. Sridhar reached the wrong
13 diagnosis when he was given the wrong information
14 regarding the patient's kidneys.

15 Q Dr. Benedetto, did he evaluate the
16 patient?

17 A No.

18 Q You didn't let me finish. What did
19 Benedetto see or didn't see?

20 MR. GERAGHTY: I'm sorry. Objection to
21 the form.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q What did Dr. Benedetto see in regard to
24 Mr. Allen?

25 A He was not involved in the care of the

1 patient.

2 Q At all?

3 A At all.

4 Q Have you seen studies at all where he
5 reviewed medical records and expressed the opinion
6 to Dr. Nadji, the pathologist, that he did not
7 believe this was a primary kidney tumor, he
8 believed it was a primary lung tumor?

9 A There is no note in the record from Dr.
10 Benedetto at all.

11 Q Have you seen the telephone message that
12 was contained in Dr. Nadji's records documenting
13 that Benedetto had done something, looked at
14 something or spoke to someone and it was his
15 opinion that Mr. Allen was suffering from a
16 primary lung tumor, not a primary kidney tumor?

17 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
18 the question.

19 THE WITNESS: Was that part of the
20 medical records?

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q I produced it at the deposition of Dr.,
23 what was his name?

24 MR. BARR: Adler, maybe.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

1 Q It was also contained within the medical
2 records of Dr. Nadji. So the answer is yes.

3 MR. GERAGHTY: I'll object to counsel
4 posing questions and then answering them.
5 MR. YAFFA: Did he not just ask me the
6 question?
7 MR. GERAGHTY: But I'm going -- my
8 objection is preserved on the record.
9 MR. YAFFA: Do whatever you want.
10 THE WITNESS: Can I please see that?
11 BY MR. YAFFA:
12 Q I don't have the medical records. Do
13 you have the medical records?
14 A Yes, I have many medical records of Mr.
15 Allen. There is none that I have seen.
16 Q Did the lawyers who retained your
17 services --
18 MS. FURNESS: Could you at least let him
19 finish? You guys are moving at such a speed.
20 MR. GERAGHTY: You are interrupting him
21 as much as he is.
22 What's the question?
23 BY MR. YAFFA:
24 Q Did the lawyers who have the records in
25 their possession, provide you with the telephone

1 message documenting what Dr. Benedetto told
2 Nadji's office?

3 A No.

4 Q Have you been advised of that prior to

5 my asking the question?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Have you asked to see it?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you know why that hasn't been
10 provided to you?

11 A It was not available at that time.

12 Q Is it available now as we sit here right
13 now?

14 A I don't know.

15 MR. YAFFA: Do you guys have a copy of
16 the record to give it to him?

17 MR. BARR: I do not have a copy of the
18 record. I do not have a copy of the telephone
19 message.

20 MR. YAFFA: Do you have a copy of
21 Adler's deposition with the exhibit attached? If
22 you do, it will be attached.

23 MR. BARR: I may.

24 MS. FURNESS: Can we take a break?

25 MR. GERAGHTY: Do you want to ask him

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1 questions about it?

2 MR. YAFFA: Yes.

3 MR. GERAGHTY: Then we should take a
4 break and get the document.

5 MR. YAFFA: I'll wait.

6 (Discussion off the record.)

7 BY MR. YAFFA:

8 Q In regard to Dr. Benedetto, as we sit
9 here right now, you don't have any information at
10 all about what he saw, didn't see or what his
11 opinions were. Is that right?

12 A As far as what I have reviewed
13 extensively in all the medical records of Mr.
14 Allen, Dr. Benedetto was not involved in the care
15 of Mr. Allen.

16 Q Dr. Benedetto is what kind of doctor?

17 A Medical oncologist.

18 Q Do you respect him?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What about Doctors Nadji and Civantos,
21 the pathologists, do you know them?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Have you spoken to them about this case?

24 A No.

25 Q You saw that during the course of their

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1 involvement, they not only were involved in
2 reviewing and interpreting the initial slides that
3 were taken from the cuboid bone, but they were
4 also involved in doing various studies and
5 rendered additional addendums after the initial
6 report.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did you see, even through the studies
9 that they prepared, they were unable to arrive at

10 a definite diagnosis as to the primary location of
11 this tumor?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Have you reviewed the report of Dr. Sam
14 Hammer?
15 A Yes.
16 Q You are not a pulmonary pathologist,
17 correct?
18 A No.
19 Q Dr. Nadji is not a pulmonary
20 pathologist, is he?
21 A No.
22 Q How about Dr. Civantos, is he?
23 A No.
24 Q Do you have any specific training on
25 immunohistochemical stains and their role in

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1 trying to determine the location of a primary?
2 A Yes.
3 Q Have you ever done any publications on
4 those topics?
5 A Which topics?
6 Q The topic of immunohistochemical
7 staining and their role in making the
8 determination of the primary --
9 A No.
10 Q On what topic have you done any research
11 or publication on?
12 A Viral infections of the bone marrow.

13 Q You would agree that that has nothing to
14 do with the case at hand? Viral infections of the
15 bone marrow have nothing to do with the case of
16 Bob Allen?

17 A They have to do with
18 immunohistochemical.

19 Q In determining viral infection of the
20 bone marrow, correct, that's what your
21 pathologists have to do?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Bob Allen didn't have that?

24 A No.

25 Q He had a cancer that was metastatic?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q You are of the opinion that it was
3 metastatic arising from the kidney?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And the treating physicians have
6 expressed the opinions in their medical records
7 that it was a primary tumor arising in the lung,
8 correct?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
10 the question.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. YAFFA:

13 Q Did Dr. Temple write in his note that
14 Mr. Allen was suffering from a primary lung tumor?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Did Dr. Marco arrive at the diagnosis

17 that this was a primary lung tumor?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did Dr. Sridhar engage and undertake a

20 specific treatment for a primary lung tumor?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And that treatment for a primary lung

23 tumor began in January of 1999 and continued up

24 through the point until the point that he actually

25 wrote the note that you referenced earlier,

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1 correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q That was the note regarding the

4 interleukin?

5 A Yes.

6 Q After Mr. Allen died, Dr. Sridhar had

7 the ability to review all the information and had

8 medical records and studies performed on this

9 patient?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Have you seen the death certificate?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What opinions did Dr. Sridhar arrive at

14 when he signed the death certificate for Mr. Bob

15 Allen?

16 A Lung cancer.

17 Q You think Dr. Sridhar was wrong?

18 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
20 BY MR. YAFFA:
21 Q In regard to this case, can you tell me
22 when you were first contacted?
23 A March of 2002.
24 Q All right. I'm going to mark as Exhibit
25 Number 2, the notice of taking your deposition.

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1 A Yes, sir.
2 Q Did you get a copy of this?
3 A Can I see it?
4 I don't know if I got a copy of it.
5 Q Sure.
6 A Yes, I did.
7 Q Did you happen to review the list of
8 documents that you were to bring to your
9 deposition?
10 A Yes, sir.
11 Q Have you brought with you all the
12 documents that are requested?
13 A Yes, sir.
14 Q I know you handed me a CD when you
15 walked in. I don't know whether or not everything
16 contained within Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 2,
17 which is your notice of taking deposition, is
18 contained on the CD, so I would like to go through
19 and discuss each item with you and you will tell

20 me if it's on here, and if so, how it got on
21 here.
22 A Yes.
23 Q With regard to all medical records, this
24 is number one, medical records, documents, data or
25 other materials relating to James Robert Allen,

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1 including but not limited to notes, test results,
2 and examination records.

3 A I don't have those with me and they are
4 not on the CD. They are about three boxes of
5 documents.

6 Q Did you bring a list of what was
7 provided to you and what you reviewed in
8 preparation for your deposition?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Are you able to tell me what you
11 reviewed?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Tell me what you reviewed.

14 A I reviewed the medical records of Mr.
15 Allen going back to his presentation at his
16 initial treating orthopedic, up to the time of his
17 expiration at the University of Miami.

18 Q Can we agree that the medical records
19 span, then, the time frame beginning in December
20 of '98 through his death in October of '99?

21 A Somewhat before December of '98, which
22 is when he started having pain. There are also

23 records from his prior visits to his orthopedist
24 regarding other ailments, knee pain and back pain.

25 Q Did the knee or back pain, in your

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1 opinion as an oncologist retained by the tobacco
2 industry in this case, did the knee and back pain
3 have any relation to the cancer that resulted in
4 his death?

5 A Can you please repeat the question?

6 Q Sure. Did the knee and back pain that
7 you just referenced that existed in the prior
8 records before the acute period that we were
9 talking about, November, December of 1998 --

10 A Yes, they existed in the prior.

11 Q Did that knee or back pain have anything
12 to do with the cancer that you believe resulted in
13 Mr. Allen's death?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q All right. What other medical records
16 have you reviewed?

17 A I reviewed the opinion of Dr. Hammer,
18 which is essentially not a medical record.

19 Q You say it's not a medical record?

20 A It's not a medical record of Mr. Allen.

21 Q Dr. Hammer, you will agree, took the
22 blocks from the pathology that exists in this case
23 from the cuboid bone and prepared slides and did
24 immunohistochemical staining on them?

1 Q Do you think you are qualified to
2 discuss the staining that Dr. Hammer did on the
3 blocks of tissue that were obtained from Bob
4 Allen's ankle?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q All right. What opinion did Dr. Hammer
7 arrive at in regard to where the most likely
8 primary was?

9 A Lung cancer.

10 Q And you think he's mistaken?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q In regard to the immunohistochemical
13 stains that Dr. Hammer performed, you are familiar
14 with the CK7?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Can you tell me what the likely
17 presentation will be for an adenocarcinoma with a
18 CK7?

19 A About 15 to 20 percent of a lung cancer.

20 Q Fifteen to 20 percent of adenocarcinoma
21 of the lung when positive for the CK7?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What about negative?

24 A Eighty-five to 80 percent.

25 Q Let me ask the question a little bit

1 differently.

2 What's the likelihood of a positive
3 reaction to CK7 with a primary lung tumor?

4 A What I told you before, 15 to 20
5 percent.

6 Q Is there any literature at all that you
7 can point me to that would support your opinion
8 that only 15 percent of a primary lung tumor will
9 express positively with regard to CK7?

10 A Yes, sir. If you are talking about a
11 primary excised lung tumor, you may have a much
12 higher percentage of positivity, whereas if you
13 look at metastatic disease, the positivity may go
14 down even if the primary tumor was positive with
15 CK7.

16 Q I understand that is your opinion, but
17 I'm asking you if you can identify any text or
18 source that you think is authoritative and stands
19 for the proposition that you are expressing.

20 A Not at this time.

21 Q Have you done any research at all --

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q -- to deem whether or not there is
24 literature that supports this opinion?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q That you can direct us to?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Please direct us there. Give me the

4 cite, the location, the text, any place at all

5 that you believe we can go to that would support

6 your opinion that 85 percent of primary lung

7 tumors will test negative for CK7.

8 A Can I have a personal computer?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Well --

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q Listen --

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Hold on. Why don't you

13 just tell him what he would need to do to point

14 him in that direction.

15 THE WITNESS: There is a file on the CD

16 rom that I gave you that says research, within

17 which there is a library with references.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q All right.

20 A And it would be there.

21 Q In regard to the CD that you provided to

22 me, that contains a section called research?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you believe that the articles

25 contained within the topic titled research are

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1 authoritative on this topic that we are talking

2 about?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q What other topics are covered by the
5 research section?

6 A The frequency of kidney cancer
7 presenting as a metastatic lesion on the foot or
8 hand, and the different genetic and antigenic
9 expressions of clear cell carcinoma and other
10 kidney cancers, as well as the pertinent studies
11 from Dr. Sridhar regarding lung cancer.

12 MR. YAFFA: I need you to read that back
13 to me, Vic. I'm sorry.

14 (Thereupon the referred to
15 question and answer was read
16 back by the reporter as above
17 recorded.)

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q I want to touch on that, if I could,
20 because I don't understand something you said.

21 A Yes.

22 Q How many different research sites do you
23 think are contained within the research section
24 that you believe are authoritative of the various
25 topics we are talking about?

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: You mean that are on the
2 CD?

3 BY MR. YAFFA:

4 Q On the CD.

5 A There are about 60 or 70 references.

6 Q Sixty or 70?
7 A Yes.
8 Q Some of them have to deal with the CK7
9 issue we were talking about?
10 A Yes, sir.
11 Q Do any of them have to deal with CK20?
12 A I don't remember.
13 Q Do any of them have to deal with
14 mucicarmine stains?
15 A I don't know exactly.
16 Q You said some of them have to deal with
17 the frequency of kidney cancer metastasis to the
18 foot and hand.
19 A Yes.
20 Q Specifically, what's your understanding
21 as to how frequent kidney cancers will metastasize
22 to those locations?
23 A More often than other tumors.
24 Q Will lung cancers metastasize to the
25 foot and hand?

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1 A Yes, sir.
2 Q Will lung cancers metastasize to the
3 kidney?
4 A Yes, sir.
5 Q Will kidney cancers metastasize to the
6 lung?
7 A Yes.
8 Q You then said something about different

9 genetic examples or experiences regarding clear
10 cell cancers.

11 Did you say something like that?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Expression was the word you used.

14 Have you looked at the actual pathology
15 in this case?

16 A I have seen the, some of the
17 immunohistochemistry micrographs from Dr. Hammer
18 that I asked to review.

19 Q Other than seeing the
20 immunohistochemical micrographs that were done by
21 Dr. Hammer, have you seen any of the pathology
22 that exists in this case?

23 A No.

24 Q When you say immunohistochemical
25 micrographs, we are talking about the photographic

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1 slides?

2 A We are talking about the big 11 -- 10 by
3 10 or 11 by 11.

4 Q The only slides that I'm aware of are a
5 series of about 24 slides that were contained in a
6 sheet, a plastic sheet. Is that what we are
7 talking about?

8 A I saw the prints of those slides.

9 Q So you saw actual blowups of the slides?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Is it your understanding that those
12 prints from those slides were done by Dr. Hammer
13 or were done by Dr. Hensley?
14 A Who is Dr. Hensley?
15 Q Dr. Hensley is the general pathologist
16 that's been retained by the tobacco industry
17 located in Verona, Virginia.
18 A I don't know.
19 Q Okay. So other than seeing the prints
20 of the micrographs, is it your testimony you have
21 not seen any other pathology in this case?
22 A That's correct.
23 Q Do you know whether or not Dr. Villa,
24 who is a pathologist and your partner, correct?
25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q Has Dr. Villa seen any of the pathology
2 in this case?
3 A I don't know.
4 Q You don't know?
5 A No, I don't know.
6 Q Do you know whether or not Dr. Villa has
7 taken the blocks of the pathology that exists in
8 this case and has made additional slides?
9 A I don't know.
10 Q Do you know whether or not Dr. Villa,
11 again, who's your partner and a pathologist, has
12 done his own immunohistochemical staining in this
13 case?

14 A I don't know.

15 Q Can you tell me whether or not you know

16 what a primary lung lesion likely expression would

17 be for CK20?

18 A No, I cannot tell you.

19 Q You don't know one way or the other?

20 A No.

21 Q What about mucicarmine stains?

22 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

23 BY MR. YAFFA:

24 Q Can you tell me what would the likely

25 expression be for a primary lung cancer?

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1 A What kind of lung cancer?

2 Q Adenocarcinoma.

3 A Probably around 80 to 90 percent.

4 Q Positive?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What about a kidney cancer?

7 A What kind?

8 Q Let's talk clear cell cancer.

9 A About 20 percent.

10 Q What about other types of kidney cancer

11 that you feel are likely caused by smoking?

12 A Transitional cell carcinoma of the

13 kidney.

14 Q Yes.

15 A About 15 or 20 percent.

16 Q Any other types of kidney cancer that
17 you think might express positively with
18 mucicarmine staining?
19 A Chromophobe, c-h-r-o-m-o-p-h-o-b-e. The
20 other kind I don't know.
21 Q As we sit here today, you would agree a
22 primary adenocarcinoma is much more likely to
23 express positively to mucicarmine than any of the
24 other kidney cancers?
25 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of

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1 the question.
2 THE WITNESS: Primary adenocarcinoma of
3 what?
4 BY MR. YAFFA:
5 Q Of the lung.
6 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.
7 BY MR. YAFFA:
8 Q You would agree?
9 A Yes to your question.
10 Q Okay. So yes, a primary adenocarcinoma
11 of the lung is much more likely to express
12 positively to mucicarmine than any other kidney
13 cancers?
14 A Yes.
15 Q In regard to this issue of clear cell
16 carcinoma and whether or not Mr. Allen actually
17 suffered from a true clear cell carcinoma, do you
18 have an opinion, within a reasonable degree of

19 medical probability, based upon anything that you
20 have seen?
21 MR. GERAGHTY: Object to the form.
22 THE WITNESS: Your question is not
23 clear.
24 BY MR. YAFFA:
25 Q Sure. Do you believe that Bob Allen had

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1 a clear cell carcinoma?
2 A Yes.
3 Q And your opinion that he had a clear
4 cell carcinoma, is that based upon your adopting
5 the reference in the records or based upon you
6 actually looking at pathology and arriving at that
7 conclusion yourself?
8 A By accepting the conclusion of the
9 pathology in the records.
10 Q Have you ever seen adenocarcinomas of
11 the lung that have a clear cell presentation?
12 A No.
13 Q Are you familiar with cells that become
14 old, they begin decomposing and begin to take on
15 glycogen and take on a clear cell appearance?
16 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
17 THE WITNESS: No.
18 BY MR. YAFFA:
19 Q Have you seen this reported in the
20 literature?

21 A No.
22 Q Have you seen it over the course of your
23 career, where cells, cancer cells will accumulate
24 glycogen as they become old and take on a clear
25 cell appearance?

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.
2 THE WITNESS: No.
3 BY MR. YAFFA:
4 Q Have you ever seen a true clear cell
5 carcinoma of the lung?
6 A No.
7 Q Do you think that Mr. Allen had a clear
8 cell carcinoma of the lung?
9 A No.
10 Q What type of cancer do you believe he
11 had?
12 A Kidney cancer adenocarcinoma.
13 Q A clear cell carcinoma of the kidney?
14 A Of the left kidney.
15 Q Are you able to give me a better medical
16 diagnosis other than a clear cell carcinoma of the
17 left kidney?
18 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
19 THE WITNESS: He had a metastatic clear
20 cell carcinoma of the left kidney.
21 BY MR. YAFFA:
22 Q We are going to come back and talk about
23 that, you and I. Let's go about five more minutes

24 and we can take a break.

25 You were telling me what you reviewed.

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1 You said the medical records from the orthopedist,
2 but you really focused on the time frame when he
3 came in with the foot problem.

4 You reviewed the records of Dr. Hammer,
5 and you agree Dr. Hammer arrived at the diagnosis
6 of lung cancer based upon his immunohistochemical
7 staining, but you disagree with his diagnosis.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you think that the
10 immunohistochemical staining in this case showed
11 positively to mucicarmine?

12 A No.

13 Q Do you consider yourself an expert on
14 these specific immunohistochemical --

15 A No.

16 Q All right. What else have you reviewed
17 other than the medical records you told me about
18 and Dr. Hammer's report?

19 A The pertinent literature that I
20 mentioned to you before that's included on the CD.

21 Q Anything else?

22 A The radiographs, the actual radiographs
23 on Mr. Allen's case.

24 Q You reviewed the films yourself or did
25 you rely on the report?

1 A No, I reviewed them myself.

2 Q Did you review them by yourself or with
3 the help of a radiologist?

4 A By myself.

5 Q Which specific films did you review and
6 are relying on to express the opinions you will be
7 testifying to?

8 A All of the films.

9 Q All of them?

10 Do all of them come into play and
11 participate in some way, shape or form in the
12 opinions, or are you relying on one specific or a
13 couple of films in particular?

14 A Several of them.

15 Q Which particular films do you think are
16 particularly pertinent to this case?

17 A The initial CT scans in December of
18 1998.

19 Q I was trying to correct you.

20 A I may be off the date by a month or so.
21 The initial CT scans of the chest and abdomen done
22 on Mr. Allen before he started his treatment. The
23 ultrasound of the kidney done later on in his
24 treatment. The magnetic resonance imaging done on
25 his abdomen, the initial stages of his treatment,

1 and the follow-up CT scans of the chest and
2 abdomen as he progressed with his disease.

3 Q Okay. Specifically in regard to the
4 films, you have referenced CAT scans, you
5 referenced ultrasound, you referenced MRIs.

6 Do you consider yourself an expert in
7 interpreting any of those studies?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q In what areas do you think that you are
10 a qualified expert to testify in?

11 A I'm a board certified internist as well
12 as a board certified oncologist and part of my
13 specialty is to actually review the imaging that
14 involves taking care of my patients.

15 Q Do you think you are an expert in
16 interpreting CTs of the chest and abdomen?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Ultrasound of the kidney?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do you think that you are an expert in
21 testifying to MRI of the abdomen?

22 A Yes, sir. As it pertains to oncology.

23 Q When you say that, I imagine you are
24 talking about trying to determine is there tumor
25 that has spread?

2 relate in any way, shape or form in oncology,
3 other than the way I described?

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: Ask me the question
6 again.

7 BY MR. YAFFA:

8 Q Your specific concern in looking at a CT
9 and ultrasound or MRI is to determine what?

10 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: Can you please be more
12 specific with your question?

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Sure. I asked you if you are an expert
15 in interpreting these things. You said yes, as an
16 oncologist, hematologist treating my patients.

17 I want to know in what circumstances and
18 why you would specifically review these kind of
19 studies.

20 A I review the actual films on virtually
21 all my patients. It is not always possible,
22 because of the physical restrictions on the
23 patient bringing the films to your review. When
24 that is done, I review all of them.

25 In particular, I am hesitant to start

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1 treatment or make a diagnosis before I am certain
2 by my own review of the films that the clinical
3 presentation of the patient, including the
4 pathological report, is consistent with my review

5 of the films and with the description by the
6 radiologist.

7 Q Anything else?

8 A No.

9 Q The specific rationale behind looking at
10 the films is to determine is there a tumor. Do
11 you agree with that?

12 A No.

13 Q You want to determine is there spread.
14 Do you think that's why you are looking at films?

15 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

16 THE WITNESS: I could not answer yes or
17 no to your question.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q You don't have to answer yes or no.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Let him finish, please.

21 THE WITNESS: I would like to finish. I
22 cannot answer yes or no to your question which is
23 very open-ended and broad. I'm going to try to
24 describe the clinical process by which a qualified
25 physician evaluates, makes a diagnosis and

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1 proposes a treatment.

2 You may be presented with a problem of a
3 tumor to which it may be pertinent to decide if
4 it's spread or not, if it rises out of a given
5 organ or not, but in reality, what's involved in
6 your decision is also the same things as are

7 involved when you examine a patient from head to
8 toe, which is what other factors are there, what
9 kind of alterations of other organs may the tumor
10 be causing, is the tumor truly the size that the
11 radiologist describes. Are the lesions through,
12 because you examine the patient -- because you
13 have the clinical insight as an internist to
14 coordinate what you see in the patient with what
15 you see on the x-rays has pertinence or not that
16 you put into this evaluation.

17 So when you ask me for particular narrow
18 answers, I cannot give them to you like that. I
19 can tell you that it's part of my evaluation the
20 same way as it is part of my physical
21 examination.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q Believe it or not, in your answer you
24 just gave me, you gave me exactly what I was
25 looking for. I was looking for the reasons why

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1 you look at these films. I may have asked it
2 inartfully and I'll take the blame for that.

3 But the reason you are looking at the
4 films is to determine is it there, is it as it's
5 described, does it spread, is it also where it
6 will direct you, as a treating physician, on how
7 to best handle the patient. All those things are
8 true, correct?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Correct.

11 BY MR. YAFFA:

12 Q Is that not true?

13 MR. GERAGHTY: He said yes.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. YAFFA:

16 Q Now, specifically in regard to the CT

17 scan of the chest and abdomen, you told me that

18 was the January 16th, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q The ultrasound of the kidney is the one

21 that was done in January of 1999. Is that what

22 you are relying on?

23 A Yes.

24 MR. BARR: There was a

25 misunderstanding.

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1 THE WITNESS: There is.

2 MR. YAFFA: Help me.

3 MR. BARR: You mean ultrasound or MRI?

4 MR. YAFFA: I said ultrasound.

5 MR. GERAGHTY: What did you say before

6 that?

7 MR. YAFFA: The January 16th CT of the

8 chest and abdomen.

9 THE WITNESS: Instead of an ultrasound

10 in January, there was an MRI done in January.

11 BY MR. YAFFA:

12 Q Okay.

13 A And I think the ultrasound was done at a

14 later date.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I may not be correct without notes in my

17 hand.

18 Q The ultrasound, you believe, was done

19 when?

20 A I think the ultrasound was done in April

21 of '99.

22 Q Okay. And then there was a follow-up CT

23 scan. There was lot of them done?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Which one are you relying on?

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1 A August of '99. There are two serial CAT

2 scans in August of '99.

3 Q Okay.

4 A Of the abdomen.

5 Q All right. What else did you review?

6 We will come back and talk about what

7 your opinions were, but I want to know what else

8 you reviewed other than the documents you told me

9 about thus far.

10 A I do not recollect reviewing anything

11 else.

12 Q Any depositions at all?

13 A Excuse me. Dr. Feingold's deposition.

14 Q Dr. Feingold is being deposed this

15 morning.
16 A I'm sorry. Not deposition.
17 Q His report?
18 A His report.
19 Q Do you know Dr. Feingold?
20 A Yes.
21 Q Do you refer him patients from a
22 pathology standpoint?
23 A Not to him.
24 Q You are on staff at South Miami?
25 A Yes.

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1 Q Where else?
2 A Baptist and Mercy Hospital.
3 Q Okay. Have your privileges ever been
4 revoked or suspended?
5 A No.
6 Q Have you ever been sued before?
7 A No.
8 Q All right. Other than Dr. Feingold's
9 report, what else have you seen?
10 MR. GERAGHTY: Let me just -- would it
11 be helpful to you if you had the CT to review?
12 Not the CT, the CD, to review these things?
13 THE WITNESS: No. Nothing else.
14 MR. GERAGHTY: I want to make it
15 easier.
16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q All right. Unfortunately, you chose not
18 to bring these records, or were you instructed not
19 to bring them?

20 A No, I chose not to bring them. They are
21 really bulky.

22 Q I want you to understand that I was
23 willing to come to your office and take your
24 deposition there, but it was being done here at
25 the request of the law firm.

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1 The medical records and all the
2 documents and data that you reviewed in this case
3 are back at your office. Is that right?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Did you make any notes as you reviewed
6 any of the materials?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Where are those notes?

9 A They are very short, simple notes. Most
10 of the times I read them and dispose of them. I
11 have two pages of notes here that I have at hand.
12 It's mostly a summary of the treatment and some --
13 and the names of the attorneys, if I ever met with
14 them on any particular thing, but this is three
15 pages.

16 Q Let's go ahead and take those three
17 pages.

18 MR. GERAGHTY: Let me see that.

19 MR. YAFFA: We will mark those as

20 Exhibit Number 3.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q In regard to the notes that were made as
23 you reviewed the documents, are those back at your
24 office or did you throw those away?

25 A I throw those away.

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1 Q And do you throw those away as you
2 generate the notes we are going to mark as an
3 exhibit?

4 A No.

5 Q Were these notes made by you as you
6 reviewed the records or made by you as you had
7 conferences with the lawyers and learned more
8 information?

9 A It was mostly when I had conferences
10 with the lawyers and I reviewed my own
11 understanding of the case.

12 MR. YAFFA: Okay. While he's looking at
13 the notes, I would like to mark those Exhibit
14 Number 3 and I'll take a break.

15 (Thereupon a recess was taken
16 in deposition, after which the
17 deposition continued as follows:)
18 (The documents referred to were
19 thereupon marked as Plaintiff's
20 Exhibit Numbers 2 and 3 for
21 Identification.)

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q All right. I would like to go through
24 the notes with you, if I could.

25 A Yes.

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: I'm going to follow along
2 with you, Doctor.

3 BY MR. YAFFA:

4 Q It says September 26, 2002. Is that
5 right?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Do you have any of the correspondence?

8 A The only correspondence that I remember
9 having received is this.

10 Q Is what, the notice?

11 A Yes.

12 Q You didn't receive a letter from the
13 firm asking whether or not you would be willing to
14 get involved, or a letter from the firm when the
15 records were initially sent saying Doctor,
16 enclosed please find?

17 A It was mostly personal communications.

18 Q Do you recall how it was you were first
19 contacted in this case?

20 A No, I told you before.

21 Q You told me you don't know how they
22 arrived at your name. I'm now asking you a
23 different question.

24 How was the initial contact made, by

25 letter, by phone or in person?

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1 A I don't remember if it was by phone or
2 in person, but it was either of the two.

3 Q And to the best of your recollection,
4 you said it was March of 2002.

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Who was it that contacted you the first
7 time?

8 A Mr. Barr.

9 Q And specifically, can you tell me what
10 you were asked to do in regard to this case?

11 A To give my medical opinion regarding the
12 actual potential cause of the patient's tumor and
13 the overall course of illness.

14 Q Okay. If I understand you, it's two
15 parts. Potential cause of the tumor.

16 A Yes.

17 Q And number two was the course of the
18 illness.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, in regard to the potential cause of
21 the tumor, you told me that in your opinion this
22 was a primary renal. We have not talked about all
23 the reasons, but that's the opinion you expressed
24 so far.

25 A I was never asked to say whether this

1 was a kidney cancer or not.

2 Q Do you have an opinion --

3 A I was actually --

4 MR. GERAGHTY: You have to let him
5 finish.

6 MR. YAFFA: I thought he was.

7 THE WITNESS: No. I was actually asked
8 whether I thought that this person had a lung
9 cancer that could have been caused by smoking.

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q That was the question that was asked,
12 did Mr. Allen have a lung cancer that might have
13 been caused by smoking.

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And your answer in response to that
16 question is specifically what?

17 A When I was given the records, I had the
18 opportunity to review the records, my answer to
19 them was I don't know if this man had a lung
20 cancer or not, because the pathology is clear cell
21 carcinoma and I'm not satisfied.

22 As a matter of fact, the initial records
23 that Mr. Barr had that he provided to me, since
24 the records kept coming along, did not have the
25 report of the MRI, so I asked to see both the

1 report of the MRI as well as the actual films, and
2 when I was shown the films and I reviewed them, I
3 told him this man had kidney cancer. There is a
4 kidney tumor here and they missed it at the time
5 of the initial radiology reading.

6 Q Okay. What about the issue of whether
7 or not you said the potential cause of the
8 cancer. Are you able to tell the jury in this
9 case that Bob Allen's smoking did not cause his
10 cancer?

11 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
12 the question.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q You can say that with 100 percent
16 certainty that the smoking had nothing to do
17 with --

18 MR. GERAGHTY: I'm going to --

19 MR. YAFFA: You need to let me finish.

20 BY MR. YAFFA:

21 Q Are you able to tell this jury with 100
22 percent certainty that smoking had nothing to do
23 with the cancer that led to his death?

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

25 THE WITNESS: Nobody knows what caused

1 the kidney cancer that he had, and I don't know if
2 smoking had anything to do at all with Mr. Allen's

3 kidney cancer.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q All right. So you recognize, as you sit
6 here right now, that Mr. Allen had a 75 pack year
7 history of smoking?

8 A Yes.

9 Q You recognize that his history of
10 smoking may have caused or contributed to his
11 death?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
13 the question.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, you are
15 speculating, not me.

16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q I'm asking you. Do you recognize that
18 his smoking may very well have caused or
19 contributed to his death?

20 You don't know?

21 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
22 the question.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

24 BY MR. YAFFA:

25 Q You don't have an opinion whether

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1 smoking did or didn't?

2 A I'm going to repeat my answer. I don't
3 know what caused his kidney cancer.

4 Q Okay. So Mr. Barr came to you and asked
5 you did this man have a lung cancer that was

6 caused by smoking.

7 What else did you do after you got back
8 to him and said listen, I need more information,
9 the reports you gave me are incomplete? You asked
10 for the specific studies you told me about?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Have you expressed any other
13 opinions to Mr. Barr or the other lawyers that
14 retained your services on behalf of the tobacco
15 industry that you plan on expressing at the time
16 of the trial?

17 It's your opinion this was a kidney
18 cancer?

19 A Yes.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q What other opinions do you have as a
23 hematologist oncologist practicing here in Dade
24 County, Florida, that we haven't talked about?

25 A I was not retained by the tobacco

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1 industry.

2 Q You are retained by the law firm
3 representing the tobacco industry. You are
4 testifying on their behalf.

5 A I was retained by the law firm of Shook,
6 Hardy and Bacon.

7 Q Okay. They represent the tobacco

8 industry. They hired you to review records and
9 express the opinions that you are here to express
10 today.

11 Tell me specifically, other than this
12 man had a kidney cancer, what other opinions you
13 have that you and I have not yet talked about.

14 A I have many other opinions regarding his
15 medical case. If you are kind enough to ask me
16 about all the things, I will be more than happy to
17 tell you.

18 Q The opinions in regard to the medical
19 care, are they all in line with and consistent
20 with that final opinion that this man had kidney
21 cancer?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q I'm sure we will get to all of the other
24 opinions as we go through the films. I do want to
25 ask you specifically in regard to the films what

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1 you saw.

2 In regard to the January 16th CT of the
3 chest and abdomen, did you see the 1.6 by 1.8
4 spiculated mass in the left upper lobe?

5 A No.

6 Q You did not see it?

7 A No.

8 Q You think Dr. Messenger was incorrect
9 with regard to that lobe in the --

10 A Yes.

11 Q What did you see?
12 A There is a composite mass on the left
13 upper lobe that is at least three and a half
14 centimeters long that bifurcates as it goes down,
15 and may even be three actual different lesions.
16 MR. YAFFA: I do need the films.
17 MR. GERAGHTY: He's not done with the
18 answer yet, counsel.
19 THE WITNESS: Can I pick up?
20 MR. YAFFA: Do whatever you want.
21 THE WITNESS: There are actually three
22 lesions on the left upper lobe. I do not agree
23 with his description as is spiculated because it's
24 an irregular mass.
25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q Have you been advised that the
2 pulmonologist retained by, again, by the same law
3 firm that retained you on behalf of the tobacco
4 industry, has looked at these films and has
5 expressed the opinion there was, in fact, a 1.8 by
6 1.6 spiculated mass in the letter upper lobe?
7 A No.
8 Q You haven't been advised of that?
9 A No.
10 Q Have you been advised of Dr. Adler's
11 opinions?
12 A No.

13 MR. YAFFA: Let's take a break, get the
14 films and I need a view box.
15 MR. GERAGHTY: Do you have one
16 available?
17 MR. YAFFA: I'm sure you do. If not, we
18 can take a break and I'll have one delivered.
19 It's whatever you want to do.
20 MR. GERAGHTY: Okay. We will do our
21 best to accommodate you.
22 You need to speak to me?
23 MR. BARR: Yes.
24 (Discussion off the record.)
25 MR. YAFFA: Vic, from this point on,

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1 I'll need this tomorrow until I tell you to stop.
2 MR. GERAGHTY: Let Mr. Yaffa get his
3 bearings.
4 BY MR. YAFFA:
5 Q It looks to me like we are looking at a
6 January 16, 1999, CT of the chest. Is that right,
7 Doctor?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Are you able to tell me what images we
10 have before us here at this point?
11 A We have a film in which the upper
12 two-fifths of the film is taken by imaging from
13 the abdomen and scout films of the abdomen CAT
14 scan.
15 The lower three-fifths is taken by

16 serial seven millimeter cuts from the base of the
17 neck down into the upper thorax at the level of
18 the -- immediately below the axilla.

19 Q Obviously we had this view box brought
20 in and it's sitting here on the middle of the
21 conference room table.

22 Do you think the facility is adequate to
23 look at this, evaluate and interpret this film for
24 us?

25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q All right. Now, specifically in regard
2 to the images that we have before us, are they
3 numbered in such a way that we can say we are
4 looking at sheet X and images one through six, for
5 example, in order to direct someone else that's
6 going to look at this film where it is you are
7 specifically discussing?

8 You know it's got to be here. I just
9 don't see it.

10 A All right. Two, three, four, five, six,
11 seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, all of them
12 with a plus C.

13 Q Okay. So --

14 A Upper left corner of each cut.

15 MR. YAFFA: Okay. I want to go ahead
16 and mark this sheet, the sheet of all these
17 different images as exhibit number four.

18 (The document referred to
19 was thereupon marked as
20 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
21 4 for Identification.)
22 BY MR. YAFFA:
23 Q Doctor, the last thing I wanted to do is
24 obscure any image.
25 Does that obscure any of the images that

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1 you need to look at for your opinions?
2 A No, Mr. Yaffa.
3 Q You can call me Andy.
4 A Thank you.
5 Q All right. Now, specifically in regard
6 to images two through?
7 A Thirteen.
8 Q Is it your opinion that you are able to
9 identify some abnormalities in the left upper lobe
10 of Mr. Allen's lung?
11 A Yes, sir.
12 Q Tell me specifically on what images you
13 are able to identify the abnormality, and we will
14 talk about the specific image and its
15 abnormality.
16 A Image nine through 13.
17 Q Okay. Now, image nine, which is in the
18 fourth row furthest on the right. Is that
19 correct?
20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q All the way through image 13, which is
22 immediately below it?
23 A Yes, sir.
24 Q We are dealing with a total of five
25 images?

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1 A Yes.
2 Q Now, I would like for you, beginning on
3 image number nine, to describe for me as if you
4 were interpreting the abnormalities you see on
5 image number nine, what the abnormality is and
6 then we will go ahead and do the same thing for
7 10, 11, 12, and 13. I want to take it step by
8 step.
9 Image number nine, describe to me the
10 abnormality that you see.
11 A There is an irregular area of tissue
12 that measures approximately one and a half
13 centimeters in a transverse diameter that arises
14 about one centimeter from the interior pleural
15 surface.
16 Q Interior?
17 A Anterior pleural surface.
18 Q Okay. Is there any abnormality that you
19 see on that image that you want to comment on?
20 A No.
21 Q On number nine, I'm giving you a Sharpe,
22 it's a permanent pen, please circle the

23 abnormality that you think exists on there that
24 you just described for us.
25 A You want to do it permanent?

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1 Q Yes.
2 A Okay.
3 Q Hang on to this because you will do it
4 again with 10.
5 Number 10, what abnormality do you see?
6 A There is an irregular nodule that
7 measures one by two centimeters, approximately
8 located in the middle of the left upper lobe
9 immediately below the same location of the
10 previous cut, that has irregular areas of contrast
11 uptake. It appears to have a very small satellite
12 lesion located, again, toward the anterior
13 surface -- correction, strike that, please.
14 Toward the anterior pleural side.
15 Q Are you all done with image number 10?
16 A Yes.
17 Q Circle that for me. I would like you to
18 tell me whether or not what you circled in image
19 number 10 you believe is an extension of what was
20 being visualized in number nine.
21 A Yes.
22 Q Does number nine appear to be
23 spiculated?
24 A No.
25 Q Does number 10 appear to be spiculated?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Let me move to number 11 and tell me
3 what you see.

4 A There is a smaller lesion with two
5 components, one component of a higher density with
6 contrast uptake and another one more anterior with
7 lesser density.

8 Q Show me, if you would, the portion that
9 has increased intensity. Is that the bright spot
10 I'm looking at?

11 A You are pointing to it, yes.

12 Q All right. And the other area is where?

13 A Immediately above it.

14 Q You are saying that's a separate mass?

15 A I'm saying that's a separate
16 abnormality. It's a second component.

17 Q You finish describing it and I'll go
18 ahead and ask you specific questions. It's my
19 mistake. I'm sorry. Start over.

20 A I see an irregular smaller nodule that
21 has two a part separate component. One that's
22 posterior with a higher contrast and uptake,
23 another one anterior, anterior that measures one
24 and a half centimeters in diameter.

25 Q Anything else in number 11?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. I would like for you to circle
3 the abnormality you see on image 11 and what I'm
4 going to do now may be a little more different,
5 but I want you to draw a line down from the area
6 of the increased density or increased uptake or
7 increased contrast, I think was the term you used,
8 and label that A.

9 MR. BARR: If you need to take it off.

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q You do whatever you want.

12 A It's not easy to do.

13 Q Let's lay this down.

14 A Can you do that?

15 Q Yes. Okay. And B, I want you to take
16 from the second area that you described as being
17 right here. Is that correct?

18 A Uh-huh, yes.

19 Q What did you describe that second area
20 as being?

21 A As an area that's of lesser contrast
22 uptake.

23 Q Let's call that B.

24 Now, in regard to the abnormality that
25 you see on image number 11, do you believe that

1 likewise is an extension of what was seen

2 previously on 10 and nine?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Does the image that you see on number 11
5 appear to be spiculated?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay.

8 A There are two small nodules that are
9 about 0.3 centimeters each that are separated by a
10 band of lung tissue of about the same diameter and
11 that are consistent with a progression from the
12 superior or the previous cut nodules.

13 Q Is it your testimony that what you have
14 marked as A and B are separate nodules or are they
15 part of the same nodule that exists immediately
16 above it?

17 A I cannot tell on that cut.

18 Q Okay. Is there any other abnormality
19 you want to comment on on number 11 that we have
20 not talked about?

21 A Mr. Yaffa, when you refer to A and B,
22 you were referring to a previous cut we already
23 talked about.

24 Q When I said A and B, I asked you whether
25 or not A, which you just marked on number 11, and

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1 B which you also marked on number 11, if they were
2 separate nodules.

3 A Yes, okay. I could not tell.

4 Q You cannot tell. You understood my
5 question?

6 A I thought that your question was
7 referring to cut number 12.

8 Q We haven't gone to that yet.

9 At this point you identified what you
10 believe is one mass that extends from image number
11 nine through 10 and 11 and you told me, to the
12 best of your ability, the abnormalities as best
13 you can describe them?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Let's go on to image number 12.

16 On number 12, are you able to identify
17 any abnormality?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Describe for me the one you see on 12.

20 A I see two separate nodules of, as I said
21 before, about 0.3 centimeters in diameter,
22 separated by a band of lung tissue that could be
23 in response to an interior aspect of the previous
24 seen nodules -- nodule, excuse me, on the previous
25 cut.

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1 Q Any other abnormality you want to
2 describe on image number 12?

3 A No.

4 Q Now, image number 12 I would like for
5 you to go ahead and circle, identify the
6 abnormality that you just described for us. I

7 would like for you to go ahead and with an A and a
8 B on image number 12, identify the two nodules
9 that you feel exist on this image.

10 Now, in regard to A and B on number 12,
11 are you able to tell me whether or not those are
12 extensions of the same mass that appeared in the
13 prior slices 11 through nine, or are these two
14 separate nodules that are not part of what was
15 seen immediately above it?

16 A Nodule A is an extension of the interior
17 aspect of the nodule seen on the previous cut. It
18 has the same morphology and it has about the same
19 contrast enhancement.

20 Nodule B could be a progression of the
21 upper part of the same nodule or not. I cannot
22 tell.

23 Q So you can't tell in regards to B, but
24 definitely in regards to A, you think it's an
25 extension of A that you saw immediately before?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q On number 13, are you able to identify
3 any abnormalities on that slice?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Please describe for me, to the best of
6 your ability, what you see on image 13.

7 A I see two nodules of about 0.3 to 0.4
8 centimeters located in the middle of the left

9 upper lobe contiguous, but not touching each
10 other.

11 Q Do you believe that the abnormalities
12 that you described in the left upper lobe on
13 number 13 are an extension of what was seen in the
14 images immediately preceding it?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How many different abnormalities are you
17 able to identify on image number 13?

18 A Two.

19 Q Do you think these are distinct masses
20 or do you believe these are extensions of what was
21 seen immediately before?

22 A They are extensions of what is seen
23 immediately before.

24 Q Are you able to tell anybody that more
25 likely than not, within a reasonable degree of

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1 medical probability, there is anymore than one
2 mass in the left upper lobe?

3 A I do not see any other mass.

4 Q Again, in regards to what you did on
5 images number 12 and number 11, giving an A and B
6 of the two portions, I want you to do the same
7 thing and tell me what it is you are labeling.

8 A is what, sir?

9 A A is the lower nodule, B is the upper
10 nodule.

11 Q When you say the lower nodule, you have

12 the patient lying on his back?

13 A I correct myself. A is posterior
14 nodule, B is anterior.

15 Q Now, I want to ask you specifically
16 below the line where you drew the B, I see an area
17 of increased intensity or uptake on number 13. I
18 am not a radiologist as you know.

19 Tell me what it is I'm looking at and
20 pointing to immediately adjacent to the circle you
21 drew, as well as the B line that goes to the upper
22 right-hand corner.

23 A A cut blood vessel.

24 Q It has nothing to do with any of the
25 abnormalities you saw in the preceding slices?

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1 A Not that I can tell.

2 Q You had mentioned earlier that there was
3 an area of trifurcation or bifurcation.

4 Are you able to testify, more likely
5 than not, within a reasonable degree of medical
6 probability, that the abnormalities described in
7 the left upper lobe bifurcate at any point?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Describe for me the locations where you
10 see the bifurcation and/or trifurcation and
11 explain to me what you are seeing and what you are
12 describing.

13 A It's between images 11 and 12.

14 Q Between 11 and 12 you actually are able
15 to see two different portions of what you believe
16 is an extension of what existed before?
17 A Yes.
18 Q And are you telling me that it's tumor
19 bifurcation between 11 and 12?
20 A Yes.
21 Q Is there any area of trifurcation? That
22 was the word you used earlier.
23 A I didn't say trifurcation.
24 Q I thought you did, but the record will
25 speak for itself.

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1 If you did, you were mistaken?
2 A Yes. I didn't mean trifurcation. I
3 think I said there may be three different lesions.
4 Q Okay. At this point you told me about
5 how many lesions?
6 A I've told you about a lesion as it
7 courses down, appears to bifurcate into two
8 separate, we call them legs. Since the cuts are
9 0.7 millimeters, I cannot tell if other -- I'm
10 sorry, 0.7 centimeters between cut 12 or -- I'm
11 sorry, cut 11 and 12 there is actually a
12 separation between the more superior mass and the
13 lower part of the mass, assuming that the
14 contiguity is preserved as it is shown in cut from
15 cut.
16 Q Nine?

17 A Nine to cut 11. There is then a
18 contiguity also with cut 12. Therefor, it
19 bifurcates.

20 Q Okay. How many lesions have we talked
21 about thus far that you feel existed in the left
22 lung?

23 A Either one lesion that bifurcates down
24 or three lesions.

25 Q Are there any other abnormalities that

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1 you feel existed in the chest film, the chest CT
2 of January 16th -- strike that.

3 You have a difference of opinion from
4 the treating radiologist, Dr. Messinger, in this
5 case.

6 A Yes.

7 Q Is there anything else that you think
8 existed on the January 16th CT scan of the chest
9 that was not commented on by Dr. Messinger?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Please tell me what else. Are we done
12 with exhibit number four?

13 A Excuse me, Mr. Yaffa. Let me correct
14 myself. Can I see if you have it, because I do
15 not remember, at this time, the actual report from
16 Dr. Messinger to look at the remainder of the
17 lungs.

18 Q I have nothing.

19 A Okay.

20 Q I came expected you would have

21 everything.

22 A Actually, I go back to what I said

23 before, there is an area on the lower lobe on the

24 left lung that was not commented on.

25 Q Okay. Let's go ahead and put the sheet

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1 up that you think shows the abnormality. Is it

2 the left lung?

3 A Yes.

4 Q In the left lower lobe that you don't

5 think was commented on.

6 Again, you have now put a sheet of

7 images up that you feel demonstrate some

8 abnormality in the left lower lobe that was not

9 commented on?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Please describe for me the image numbers

12 you feel contain the abnormalities that were

13 missed.

14 A Image number 16 plus C to 24.

15 MR. YAFFA: This will be exhibit number

16 five.

17 (The document referred to

18 was thereupon marked as

19 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number

20 5 for Identification.)

21 BY MR. YAFFA:

22 Q They contain images 16 through 24.
23 Again, I would like for you to take the pen that
24 you had been using and circle the area of
25 abnormality in the left lower lobe that you

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1 believe was not commented on or missed by Dr.
2 Messinger.

3 A I told you 16 or 17?

4 Q You told me 16.

5 A No, it's 17. I'm sorry.

6 Q All right.

7 A Image 17 on the posterior aspect of the
8 left lower lobe there is a triangulated nodule
9 that measures about a centimeter and a half in
10 length on the transverse measurement and about 0.8
11 centimeters to one centimeter on the posterior
12 anterior measurement. It is ill defined and
13 adjacent, but not apparently invading the costal
14 vertebral aspects of the thorax.

15 Q Are you able to circle in number 17 the
16 area of abnormalities that you think exist?

17 A Yes.

18 Q The front of the patient is where?

19 A The front of the patient.

20 Q The anterior portion?

21 A The anterior portion of the chest is
22 here.

23 Q Okay. The posterior is to the back?

24 A Yes.
25 Q The patient's head is toward us?

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1 A The patient's head is away from us. We
2 are looking at it from below.

3 Q From the feet?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. Now, go to image number 18 and
6 describe for me the abnormality and circle it for
7 me.

8 A There is a irregular elongated nodule
9 that extends immediately below the area of the
10 previous cut that measures about a centimeter in
11 anterior posterior length and is adjacent to the
12 costal vertebral angle, and in this cut, it seems
13 to be either touching or invading the pleural
14 surface on that side.

15 Q Please circle the area of abnormality
16 that you see.

17 You believe that's an extension from
18 what existed on slice 17?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. Let's go to number 19.

21 A There is an elongated nodule that
22 measures about two centimeters in anterior
23 posterior length and about 0.8 centimeters on
24 transverse length that is close to the great
25 vessels and the costal vertebral angle or joint

1 and is immediately below the previously seen
2 abnormality.

3 Q Circle that for me.

4 Next one, please.

5 A That is the same.

6 Q Number 19 or 20?

7 A That is the same elongated nodule that
8 is in contiguity on the -- with the previously
9 described nodule that is adjacent to the
10 descending aorta and that measures one and a half
11 to two centimeters in anterior posterior length
12 and is distinct on the transverse length since it
13 seems to be making body with the aorta.

14 Q What does that mean?

15 A I cannot tell where it finishes and
16 where the aorta wall is.

17 Q Circle that for me.

18 Okay. What is the next one, please.

19 A It is the same elongated nodule that is
20 smaller on the transverse diameter than when seen
21 on the more superior cut. Again, adjacent to the
22 aorta, measuring less -- strike, please.

23 About one centimeter in anterior
24 posterior length.

25 Q Okay. Anything else you want to say

1 about 21?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. Circle the abnormality that

4 exists in 22.

5 A There is only an area of pleural

6 thickening that overlies the descending aorta.

7 Besides that there is an area of nodularity that

8 is adjacent to the left main stem, the left main

9 stem bronchus that seems to correspond to an area

10 of tumor or adenopathy that was described by Dr.

11 Messinger.

12 Q Can you circle that for me? You said it

13 was contiguous to an area of abnormality described

14 by Dr. Messinger.

15 Did you, in fact, see hilar spread?

16 A I can't tell if that's a nodule spread.

17 Q Did you see mediastinum spread?

18 A Not in these views.

19 Q In any of the views you looked at on the

20 1/16 CT scan of the chest?

21 A No, I could not identify it.

22 Q In regard to the areas of abnormality

23 that we have been talking about on images 17

24 through 24, I know we are in the process of

25 talking about it, you have referred to it as a

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1 nodule. Is it, in fact, a nodule or don't you

2 know?

3 A When you describe a radiograph, you try
4 to assign a semantic value to what you are
5 seeing. What you really see is difference in
6 contrast from an area that has air, fat or bone
7 that is replaced by something else.

8 When I say and radiologists refer to a
9 nodule, they actually refer to any one of those
10 areas. Some other people may call it thickening.
11 Some may call it a band like abnormality. Some
12 may call it a space occupying lesion, but in
13 reality, what we are referring to is the same
14 thing.

15 Q You see something there, but you don't
16 know?

17 A Exactly.

18 Q Did you see the radiologist who
19 interpreted subsequent CT scans of the chest that
20 talked about the thickening seen in the left lower
21 lobe and described it as scar tissue?

22 A I don't agree with that.

23 Q Do you think that's cancer?

24 A I don't -- that is not a thickening.

25 That is a nodule.

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1 Q Again, is what's seen on images number
2 17 through 24, could that be scar tissue?

3 A Yes, it could.

4 Q You are certainly not testifying, more

5 likely than not, within a reasonable degree of
6 medical probability, that what you are seeing here
7 is cancer?

8 A Please repeat your question.

9 Q You are not saying, more likely than
10 not, what is seen on images 17 through 24 is more
11 likely than not cancer?

12 A I'm saying that's more likely to be
13 cancer.

14 Q You are saying it's more likely to be
15 cancer?

16 A Yes.

17 Q If the radiologists who interpreted all
18 the subsequent films were of the opinion that the
19 left lower lobe didn't change and they call it
20 scarring, you think they are wrong?

21 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't agree with them.

23 BY MR. YAFFA:

24 Q You don't agree with them?

25 A No.

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1 Q Let's just get this clear on the
2 record.

3 So far in terms of the participating
4 physicians, you don't agree with Sridhar in regard
5 to his final diagnosis as reflected on the death
6 certificate.

7 MR. GERAGHTY: I'll object to the form.

8 BY MR. YAFFA:
9 Q Correct?
10 A I agree with his final diagnosis on the
11 record.
12 Q On the death certificate. That's the
13 question I asked you.
14 Do you agree with that final diagnosis
15 reflected --
16 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.
17 THE WITNESS: No.
18 BY MR. YAFFA:
19 Q Do you disagree with Tom Temple that the
20 diagnosis was the primary lung?
21 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.
22 THE WITNESS: He did not reach the
23 diagnosis.
24 BY MR. YAFFA:
25 Q You can assume what it is I'm asking you

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1 to assume.
2 Assuming Temple reached the diagnosis
3 this was a primary lung diagnosis, you disagree
4 with him?
5 A Yes.
6 Q You disagree with Dr. Marco?
7 A Yes.
8 Q You disagree with Dr. Messinger?
9 A Yes.

10 Q You disagree with the subsequent
11 treating radiologists assuming they, too, note
12 this was an area of scar tissue?
13 A Yes.
14 Q Let's finish talking about the area of
15 abnormality in the left lower lobe.
16 A The area --
17 Q We are now up to image number?
18 A Number 23, the area becomes less
19 distinct and more or less visible with contrast.
20 It has an area of triangulated extension into the
21 left lower lobe that seems to come from above, but
22 when looking at the more lower cut, which is cut
23 24, it's difficult for me to tell whether this is
24 the same abnormality coming from above the chest,
25 becomes very narrow and flat against the pleural

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1 surface or there are two different abnormalities.
2 Q Are you able to say that what exists in
3 number 23 is an abnormality, and if so, please
4 circle it.
5 A It is an abnormality.
6 Q And do you think it's an extension of
7 what exists above?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Okay. The next cut and final cut,
10 assuming you are going to abide by the limits
11 where you said you saw the abnormality, number 24,
12 tell me what you see there.

13 A I see a nodule that again has a
14 elongated shape with an anterior posterior length
15 of about one and a half centimeters that is
16 irregular inside the nodule. It's adjacent and
17 contiguous with a pleural surface overlying the
18 aorta and it's about one centimeter in transverse
19 diameter.

20 Q Any other comments you want to make
21 about the left lower lobe?

22 A No.

23 Q I guess it's prudent that we talk about
24 any other opinions that you have about the films
25 in this case while we have the view box out before

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1 we put it away. I want to do that, but before we
2 move on to the other CTs, assuming you want to
3 talk about them, I do want to ask you whether or
4 not you tracked these abnormalities as specified
5 by you in the left lung to determine what happened
6 to them over time as this patient received
7 treatment medically through chemotherapy and
8 through radiation.

9 What happened to these different
10 lesions, did they grow, did they change, did they
11 stay the same, the left upper lobe nodules
12 enlarged?

13 A I cannot tell for certain on the left
14 lower nodule because the thickness of the cuts are

15 different. There were multiple nodules that
16 appeared on the other lobe, and so I could not
17 tell for sure some of the nodularity on the left
18 lower lobe, if some of the nodularity on the left
19 lower lobe changed or progressed.

20 Q Is the radiograph, the CT scan of the
21 chest that you and I have been talking about
22 consistent with a primary lung tumor?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. The next film you wanted to talk
25 about was a January, 1999 MR of the abdomen. Is

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1 that correct?

2 Before we move on to that, I want to ask
3 you, is there anything else you want to talk about
4 on the chest CT of January 16th?

5 A Not unless you have any other questions.

6 Q Do you have any other opinions about any
7 other abnormalities that existed that was not
8 commented on by somebody?

9 A Other than what films in particular?

10 Q January 16th, CT of the chest and
11 abdomen.

12 A Let me look at the CT scan of the
13 abdomen, please.

14 (Thereupon a recess was taken in
15 deposition, after which the
16 deposition continued as follows:)

17 BY MR. YAFFA:

18 Q All right. Before we broke, you wanted
19 to talk about the CT of 1/16/99.
20 Identify for me the images we are
21 looking at.
22 A We are going to look at images 54 plus C
23 and 55 plus C.
24 Q Okay. I'm going to mark this sheet as
25 number six.

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1 (The document referred to
2 was thereupon marked as
3 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
4 6 for Identification.)
5 BY MR. YAFFA:
6 Q On 54 plus C and 55?
7 A Yes.
8 Q Please show me the area of abnormality
9 that you think exists, and let's identify it and
10 then circle it.
11 A Image 54, I'm looking at the left
12 kidney. This is a axial cut where you can see on
13 the anterior aspect of the left kidney a small
14 irregularity of the surface that does not pick up
15 contrast and is ill defined and it measures about
16 one centimeter at the base and about a half
17 centimeter in height.
18 Q Are you able to tell me whether or not
19 this is fluid filled or solid?

20 A No.

21 Q No, you don't know either way?

22 A I don't know either way.

23 Q Okay. What about on image number, slice

24 number 55?

25 A You see a contiguous cut, same location,

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1 of the lesion that is about one centimeter width

2 on the base and about one centimeter high,

3 slightly contrast and it is adjacent to the other

4 lesion.

5 Q Do you think it's an extension of what

6 existed in slice 54?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. Are you able to tell me if 55 is

9 solid or fluid filled?

10 A I cannot tell.

11 Q Anything else you want to comment on on

12 images 54 and 55 in regard to the left kidney?

13 A No.

14 Q Do you see anything in regard to the

15 right kidney?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. Are there any other images on the

18 CT scan of January 16, 1999, that warrants further

19 discussion, any other abnormality that you saw

20 that you want to talk about?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. Let's put that one away.

23 Just so the record is clear, I'm going
24 to take possession of these and give them back to
25 you after Messinger's deposition, okay?

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1 MR. BARR: Okay. After when?

2 MR. YAFFA: At the conclusion of his
3 deposition, you can walk out of there with them.

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Tomorrow or Thursday?

5 MR. BARR: That's Wednesday.

6 MR. YAFFA: Wednesday. You have Mackler
7 tomorrow and somebody else. I don't know who it
8 is.

9 MR. BARR: I don't know of anybody else
10 tomorrow.

11 MR. YAFFA: Mackler tomorrow and
12 Messinger will be the next day.

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Doctor, the next study that you said you
15 wanted to talk about was the January, '99 MR of
16 the abdomen. Is that correct?

17 A Yes. Again, I may be mistaken, sir, and
18 we may not have an MR of January, '99. I think we
19 do.

20 Q Go ahead and get me whatever it is you
21 want to talk about.

22 A We can start with these.

23 Q You want to talk about all of those?

24 A What?

25 Q You want to talk about all of those?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. We are going to be here a while.

3 Doctor, we are now talking about the MR
4 of the abdomen, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Performed what date?

7 A Performed on the 26th of January of
8 1999. MRI of the abdomen that was done at the
9 request of Dr. Sridhar, and on his note, the
10 request states rule out kidney cancer. The
11 written report says renal artery stenosis.

12 Q It doesn't say anything about rule out
13 kidney cancer?

14 A No, the report from the radiologist --

15 Q Says renal artery stenosis?

16 A Yes.

17 Q You are telling me the order says rule
18 out kidney cancer?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Tell me, do you see kidney cancer on the
21 January 25, 1999, MR of the abdomen?

22 A I see the same abnormality as seen on
23 the CT scan of the abdomen on the left kidney both
24 axial cuts as well as coronal cut.

25 Q Who interpreted this study?

1 A Dr. Morillo.

2 Q Dr. Morillo you think missed the boat?

3 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. What do you
5 mean by that, missed the boat?

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q You think he made a mistake?

8 A Yes.

9 Q It's the fifth doctor in your opinion
10 that you think made a mistake?

11 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Tell me what slices you see the
15 abnormality on the MR.

16 A Slice 11 of 16 on the sheet that I have
17 put on my left on the view box.

18 Q So on sheet, which we are marking as
19 exhibit seven, image number what?

20 A Number 11 of 16.

21 Q Okay. Any other images on sheet number
22 seven?

23 A No.

24 Q Please circle the abnormality that you
25 see on number 11.

1 (The document referred to
2 was thereupon marked as
3 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
4 7 for Identification.)

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Describe it for me as if you were
7 describing it to one of your patients.

8 A There is an exophytic area on the
9 anterior aspect of the left kidney that measures
10 about one centimeter in height and about one
11 centimeter in base. It seems to take up the same
12 contrast as the remainder of the kidney. It makes
13 body with the remainder of the kidney.

14 Q Okay. Anything else on exhibit number
15 seven that you think is an abnormality that was
16 missed?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Okay. Let me have exhibit number seven,
19 please.

20 Let's go ahead and move on to the next
21 film. Tell me what that is, please.

22 A There is two abnormalities here that
23 were not reported on the MRI of the abdomen.
24 There is a area of indentation that does not pick
25 up contrast on the lower part of the left pole of

1 the left kidney. That measures about one by one
2 centimeters. Actually, one and a half by one
3 centimeter in and extends toward the other

4 direction of the renal pelvis and I think it's
5 consistent with a renal infarct.

6 Q That's sheet number eight. I want you
7 to tell me the image number.

8 A This is image, it's labeled slice 520.

9 Q Okay. Again, who's the interpreting
10 radiologist on this one?

11 A Dr. Morillo.

12 Q Is this the same study we were talking
13 about before?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Okay. Do you think he made a mistake
16 here, too?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Do you think that the infarct is in any
19 way, shape or form related to cancer?

20 A No.

21 Q Are you able to date when the infarct
22 occurred?

23 A No.

24 Q Are you able to tell me whether it was a
25 calcific infarct versus hemorrhagic?

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1 A You usually don't develop hemorrhagic
2 infarcts in the kidney. I don't know what was the
3 actual cause of the infarct, but this patient was
4 a diabetic and that's a common happening in
5 diabetics.

6 Q All right. Any other abnormality on
7 sheet number eight which is the second portion of
8 the MR of January 25th of 1999?

9 A Yes, sir. There is a very solid
10 irregularity on the lateral aspect of the left
11 kidney that, in my opinion, is consistent with a
12 previously one that I described on the axial cut.
13 That's on frame -- excuse me, on slice 13 diagonal
14 20. That measures on this view about 0.8
15 centimeters by one centimeter. It seems to have
16 the same irregular uptake as the other in the
17 remainder of the kidney.

18 Q Okay. Please circle that abnormality.
19 Any other areas of abnormality on sheet
20 number eight that you want to talk about?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q Do you think that Dr. Morillo made a
23 mistake in regard to that?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What else do you want to talk about in

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1 regard to the January 25th MR?

2 A January 26th.

3 (The document referred to
4 was thereupon marked as
5 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
6 8 for Identification.)

7 MR. YAFFA: Sheet number nine.

8 (The document referred to

9 was thereupon marked as
10 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
11 9 for Identification,
12 a copy of which is attached
13 hereto.)

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q Okay.

16 A Sheet number nine, slices 11 diagonal
17 20, and 12 diagonal 20, there is a same exophytic
18 abnormality on the lateral and anterior aspect of
19 the left kidney that is less well seen on this
20 image which has enhancement on fat, and that is on
21 the same location as the images that I described
22 before on the CT scan of the abdomen from a few
23 days before.

24 Q Okay. Can you circle the areas of
25 abnormality that you think were missed?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you think more likely than not that
3 the area of abnormality as circled by you on the
4 January MR is cancer?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Are you able to tell the jury that this
7 cancer did not spread from a primary lung?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Conclusively?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Your basis for that statement?
12 A That I can see the case on the whole
13 length, and when you look at the same lesion as
14 the patient reaches the end of his life, the only
15 lesion that has enlarged in the kidney is that
16 one. He has not developed any other metastatic
17 lesion on the opposite kidney, which is the rule
18 for metastatic lung cancer when seen in the
19 kidney.
20 Q What about the lung lesions, didn't they
21 grow and spread?
22 A Yes.
23 Q So, again, getting back to my question,
24 are you able to tell this jury with 100 percent
25 certainty that what you see in the kidneys did not

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1 spread there from the lung?
2 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
3 the question.
4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
5 BY MR. YAFFA:
6 Q Okay. What other areas of abnormality
7 do you see on the MR?
8 A Exhibit number 10.
9 (The document referred to
10 was thereupon marked as
11 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
12 10 for Identification.)
13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Okay.

15 A Slices or strike that, please. Slice 19

16 diagonal 30 there are two abnormalities seen on

17 the kidney, on the left kidney. One is the same

18 exophytic lesion located on the anterior and

19 lateral aspects of the left kidney that on this

20 image has a slightly lower attenuation than the

21 remainder of the kidney. That measures one

22 centimeter in the base and less than one

23 centimeter on the height, probably 0.1

24 centimeters, and again seen is the area of deep

25 indentation on the surface of the posterior aspect

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1 of the left kidney that I think is consistent

2 again with renal infarct.

3 Q Circle the two areas of abnormality that

4 you think exist on that study.

5 Next sheet, please. Any other

6 abnormality that you want to talk about?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay.

9 (The document referred to

10 was thereupon marked as

11 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number

12 11 for Identification.)

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q Continue, sir.

15 A On slice 20 diagonal 30, the abnormality

16 that I see is the same deep indentation that
17 progresses caudally on the left kidney consistent
18 with the lower portion of an infarct.

19 Q Okay. Circle it for me, please.

20 Anything else you see --

21 A No.

22 Q -- on the MR?

23 A No.

24 Q What about this last sheet?

25 A I don't think I want to use this sheet.

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1 Q All right. Is there anything else you
2 want to talk about with regard to the January 26,
3 1999, MR of the kidney?

4 A No.

5 Q The next study you referenced that you
6 are relying on to express your opinion was a
7 ultrasound of the kidney taken in what you believe
8 was April of 1999.

9 A Actually, it was taken in January.

10 Q Okay. Let's do the January, 1999
11 ultrasound.

12 A I'm sorry, it was taken in August.

13 Q There were some taken before.

14 MS. FURNESS: You still have slides
15 here, too, before you get too out of sorts.

16 MR. BARR: This is completely out of
17 sorts.

18 THE WITNESS: Here is the MRI.

19 BY MR. YAFFA:

20 Q What are we looking at now?

21 MR. BARR: 8/24/99 renal sonogram.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q Before we get to that, did you see any
24 renal sonograms prior to that?

25 A No, sir.

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1 Q Before we get to that, did you see that
2 there was a study done in May of 1999 where his
3 kidneys were studied with gadolinium? His meaning
4 Bob Allen's kidneys were studied with gadolinium.

5 A I don't remember.

6 Q Assuming there were these abnormalities
7 that you just described for me and they did do a
8 study in April or May of 1999 of his kidneys where
9 he was injected with gadolinium and they were
10 specifically looking at the kidneys, wouldn't you
11 expect that the abnormality would again have shown
12 up during those studies?

13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 BY MR. YAFFA:

16 Q Have you looked to see whether or not
17 there is such a study?

18 A I don't remember.

19 Q Have you looked to see whether or not
20 the interpreting radiologist of the gadolinium

21 study, in fact, interpreted and picked up the
22 abnormality they feel existed in the kidneys?
23 A I don't remember.
24 MR. BARR: We have all the films here.
25 Do you want him to refer to a particular film?

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1 MR. YAFFA: Refer to the May of 1999
2 study where he was injected with gadolinium.
3 MR. BARR: Gadolinium means an MRI, so
4 May of 1999 MRI. CT chest May 4th, bone scan May
5 4th, left tibia, May 5th, right clavicle, left
6 foot, plain film, plain film, CT of the chest.
7 I don't know of any MRI in May. Could
8 it be another date?
9 MR. YAFFA: It's very possible.
10 THE WITNESS: The one in January was
11 with the gadolinium.
12 MR. BARR: Could you be thinking of that
13 one?
14 BY MR. YAFFA:
15 Q The one in January?
16 A That's what C plus means.
17 Q Okay. Do you have the medical records
18 here? I know they are voluminous. I came here
19 anticipating the Doctor will have what was
20 requested and he doesn't, so I'm at a
21 disadvantage. I can go ahead and do it this way,
22 but if I had the records, I could be real specific
23 about what's going on.

24 Do you have the medical records here? I
25 can look at the radiologist's report and do this

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1 for you.

2 MR. BARR: My records are probably all
3 marked up, so I would have to get a clean
4 version.

5 MR. YAFFA: Ask to see if someone can
6 bring them up. In the meantime, I'll flip through
7 them.

8 MR. GERAGHTY: Let's see if we can do
9 something in the interim.

10 MR. YAFFA: That's what I'm trying to
11 do.

12 BY MR. YAFFA:

13 Q Doctor, did you see any other studies of
14 the abdomen between January 26th of 1999 and the
15 films that you now want to jump to in August?

16 A No, there were none.

17 Q There were none?

18 A No.

19 Q The films that you saw in August of
20 1999, you have those pulled there, correct?

21 The films you saw in August of '99
22 showed a drastic change, did they not, in the
23 lesion that existed in the left kidney?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Did it show any change at all in regard

1 to the area of infarct that you feel existed and
2 was missed?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Is the infarct of any significance to
5 you at all in seeing the August film and the
6 initial film in January?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What significance is it?

9 A That the interpreting radiologist that
10 saw the initial films did not describe it.

11 Q Other than the fact that he didn't
12 describe it, you talked to me about that, what
13 other significance did it have?

14 A None other.

15 Q Are you relying on any of the bone
16 scans?

17 A No.

18 Q Any of the plain films?

19 A No.

20 Q Did you look at the plain film of the
21 chest done in January?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Were you able to identify any area of
24 abnormality on any of the plain films?

25 A I don't think so, Mr. Yaffa.

1 Q Have you evaluated Mr. Allen's status
2 from a cardiovascular status standpoint?
3 A No.
4 Q Any opinion at all about what his life
5 expectancy would have been had he not died of
6 cancer?
7 A No.
8 Q Were any x-rays at all of the abdomen
9 taken prior to September of 1999?
10 A No.
11 Q Is it fair to state that the first time
12 there is any notation at all within the clinical
13 records of abnormality with the kidney would be
14 August, the films that you want to talk about?
15 A Yes.
16 Q Let's go ahead and move onto the August
17 films. That was the next film you said you wanted
18 to talk about, correct?
19 A Yes.
20 Q And take me through the areas of
21 abnormality that you think exist and comments you
22 want to make in that regard.
23 MR. BARR: The CAT scan or sonogram?
24 MR. YAFFA: He said he wanted to talk
25 about the follow up CAT scan of 8/99, so I was

1 going to the film he wanted to move to.

2 MR. BARR: Okay.

3 MR. YAFFA: I think you pulled it.

4 MR. BARR: I pulled the sonogram.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q What do you have there?

7 A Okay.

8 Q What are we looking at?

9 A This is a single sheet of lower cuts of

10 CT scan of the thorax in which the superior

11 portion of the abdomen is included.

12 Q And the date?

13 A Dated August 21, 1999. We are looking

14 at a sheet that has cuts with contrast from 37 to

15 47, to 47 A and there is also a scout film on the

16 CT scan. I'm going to describe the images from 37

17 down to 47.

18 Q Okay. Let's call this exhibit number

19 12.

20 (The document referred to

21 was thereupon marked as

22 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number

23 12 for Identification.)

24 BY MR. YAFFA:

25 Q Okay. Now, in regards to your

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1 description, you are telling me it encompasses the

2 abnormalities on sheet --

3 A Yes.

4 Q Describe it for me. Point it out for me

5 as we go.

6 A Yes. On the first image, which is 37
7 with contrast, there is evidence of a pleural
8 effusion on the lower most aspect of the right
9 hemothorax that envelopes the right lobe of the
10 liver. On the same image, there are superior cuts
11 visible of the left kidney. There are cuts
12 visible of both, correction. That's it.

13 Q Okay. I want you to put an A by the
14 pleural effusion that you think exists, and a B
15 next to the area where you begin to see, you said
16 it's the left kidney and the abnormality related
17 directly thereto.

18 A No abnormality.

19 Q You see none on that?

20 A On that cut.

21 Q You are looking now at the very first
22 image, which is 37.

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you see, as you go along, the left
25 kidney and the abnormality that you feel exist

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1 related directly thereto?

2 A Yes.

3 Q On what image do you believe you can see
4 the left kidney, the abnormality?

5 A Images 45 to 47.

6 Q Okay. Identify on number 45 the area of

7 the left kidney where you see the abnormality.

8 A I'm circling it on 45.

9 Q Circle it all the way through.

10 That's 45, 46 and 47, correct?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Are you able to see the area of

13 abnormality on the left kidney on any of the prior

14 slices on the kidney?

15 A No.

16 Q Any other areas of abnormality other

17 than the areas you circled and identified?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Go ahead.

20 A There are areas of metastasis on the

21 central aspect of the right lobe of the liver that

22 were not present before.

23 Q Can you circle the areas of the liver

24 where you see metastasis?

25 A There is an ill defined area that would

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1 be better identified with other modalities. I'm

2 going to circle on image 40 and then a large area

3 on image 45, 46 and 47.

4 Q That's the abnormality of the liver?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Do primary lung cancers spread to the

7 liver?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q What other areas of abnormality do you

10 want to talk about?

11 A None other.

12 Q The area of abnormality in the left
13 kidney, is that located in the same location as
14 the abnormality you saw in the January 16, 1999
15 study?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Okay. Are there any other comments you
18 want to make in regard to any of the films that
19 exist in this case that you and I have not talked
20 about upon which you are relying on and expressing
21 opinions today or at the time of trial?

22 A The renal infarct is unchanged.

23 Q Anything else you want to talk about
24 with regard to the radiologic films?

25 A Not on these films.

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1 Q Any other films you want to talk about
2 that you are relying on in expressing any of the
3 opinions here today or plan on testifying to at
4 the time of trial? This is my one and only
5 opportunity to ask you about your opinions. We
6 have the view box out now.

7 A No, sir.

8 Q We have fully and adequately covered
9 every opinion you have in this case that you plan
10 on expressing here today?

11 A We are talking about this?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: He's talking about this
13 sheet.
14 THE WITNESS: About this sheet and this
15 exam.
16 BY MR. YAFFA:
17 Q What other radiologic studies do you
18 want to look at and talk about with regard to the
19 opinions that you have in this case?
20 A Follow up CAT scan the day after. It
21 was requested of the chest and there are -- I do
22 not have clear why they requested two follow up
23 studies one day after the other, but the findings
24 as it pertains to the liver on the same cut as I
25 described before.

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1 Q Let me give you the exhibit 13 sticker.
2 Give me the image numbers and what you are looking
3 at.
4 (The document referred to
5 was thereupon marked as
6 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
7 13 for Identification.)
8 BY MR. YAFFA:
9 Q Please continue.
10 A Regarding the large pleural effusion
11 that involve the right lobe of the liver, appears
12 to be unchanged. This image, there is a better
13 uptake of contrast in the liver and there is the
14 lesion that appeared to be ill defined on the most

15 anterior aspect of the right lobe of the liver is
16 very clearly seen, measures about two and a half
17 centimeters in diameter that is consistent with a
18 metastatic lesion.

19 Q Which image?

20 A This is better seen on image 112. I'm
21 sorry, let me go back.

22 This was a non contrasted study.

23 Q Non contrasted?

24 A Excuse me. I was looking at the wrong
25 thing. It's a contrasted study. Images 112 to

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1 113 and slightly visible as well on 114.

2 Q Circle it, please, on 112 through 114.

3 Any other comments you want to make in
4 regard to exhibit number 13?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Did the radiologist interpreting exhibit
7 13 adequately pick up on the abnormalities that
8 you think are there?

9 A On this sheet, yes, sir.

10 Q What about the sheet before exhibit 12,
11 were the abnormalities picked up by the
12 interpreting radiologist?

13 A Not in the kidney.

14 Q Not in the kidney?

15 A I'm sorry. I don't remember if the
16 radiologist at that time read the kidney as well

17 or not. I don't remember.

18 Q That big thing, you think the
19 radiologist missed it?

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.
21 That's not a question. Show him the radiology
22 report.

23 MR. YAFFA: There is a way to object,
24 otherwise be quiet.

25 MR. GERAGHTY: No.

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1 MR. YAFFA: Don't raise your voice.

2 MR. GERAGHTY: Don't raise your voice at
3 the witness.

4 MR. YAFFA: Don't say anything other
5 than to form.

6 MR. GERAGHTY: You are talking down to
7 the witness.

8 MR. YAFFA: You are coaching him.

9 MR. GERAGHTY: No, I'm not.

10 MR. YAFFA: The objection is form. If I
11 want to hear more, I'll ask you.

12 MR. GERAGHTY: You cannot talk down to
13 the witness.

14 MR. YAFFA: Doctor, do you think that --

15 MR. GERAGHTY: Show him the radiology
16 report.

17 MR. YAFFA: Listen to the question.

18 MR. GERAGHTY: Show him the report.

19 BY MR. YAFFA:

20 Q Doctor, look at the film. Do you see a
21 major change on that left kidney?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Is it a huge growth?

24 A It is now consistent with the same
25 lesion that I described before which was not

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1 described by the radiologist and it is now about
2 two and a half centimeters on the base and about
3 two centimeters in height.

4 Q How much did it change?

5 A More than doubled.

6 Q More than doubled and you think that the
7 radiologist missed it?

8 A I do not remember.

9 Q Excuse me?

10 A My answer was I did not remember.

11 Q You don't remember. What is next?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: What's next?

13 BY MR. YAFFA:

14 Q What else do you want to talk to me
15 about the radiology films, any other abnormalities
16 on exhibit 13?

17 A No.

18 Q What about number 14. There is another
19 sheet there.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: You need a sticker for
21 this one.

22 (The document referred to
23 was thereupon marked as
24 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number
25 14 for Identification.)

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1 BY MR. YAFFA:

2 Q Okay.

3 A This is a sheet that has nine images
4 that are labeled 116 to 122, plus two scout images
5 of the chest. These are eight millimeter cuts of
6 lower -- excuse me, strike that, please.

7 Of the upper abdomen within the
8 requested CT scan of the chest. The abnormalities
9 that are identified pertinent to my opinion are
10 the metastatic lesions in the right lobe of the
11 liver seen on the CT scan from the day before are
12 much better delineated like on the previous sheet
13 because of better uptake of contrast. There is a
14 large central lesion on the right lobe of the
15 liver that has had a smaller satellite lesion more
16 posterior to it. The large central lesion
17 measures about five centimeters in diameter. It
18 is irregular and it takes all the cuts on this
19 sheet.

20 The second abnormality which is seen as
21 well as it was seen on the previous day is a left
22 renal mass that has exophytic -- it's located on
23 the anterior lateral portion of the left kidney.
24 It is seen clearly on images 120 to 122. In that

25 it makes body with the parenchymal of the kidney

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1 as seen more clearly on image 121. It is about
2 four centimeters in transverse length by one and a
3 half to two centimeters in anterior posterior
4 length in image 121.

5 Q Can you circle it?

6 A Yes. In what image?

7 Q The image that you just identified the
8 different measurements.

9 In regards to the kidney mass, do you
10 think it grew overnight? This is the study that
11 was subsequently done the day before.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you think it was the same size or
14 larger?

15 A No, it's the same size.

16 Q You think it's the same size?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Does the radiologist pick up on it on
19 this occasion?

20 A I don't remember the description of the
21 kidney mass.

22 Q Okay. What other radiologic opinions do
23 you have in this case that you and I have not yet
24 talked about?

25 A The ultrasound of the kidneys done a few

1 days later.

2 Q Okay. Let's look at that, please.

3 Other than the fact it shows up there a
4 few days later and it's big, what do you want to
5 talk about? I think everybody agrees, even the
6 interpreting radiologist, unless you tell me he's
7 wrong, too.

8 A What is your question?

9 Q What basis does the ultrasound study
10 done a few days later play?

11 A None of the previous studies can tell
12 whether this is solid or cystic. The ultrasound
13 shows it a solid tumor.

14 Q Any other reason, any other reason for
15 you wanting to look at the ultrasound other than
16 to state it's solid or cystic?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay.

19 MR. GERAGHTY: Why don't you look at
20 it?

21 MR. YAFFA: I'm trying to save some
22 time. If you want to look at it, you can.

23 MR. GERAGHTY: I think we ought to
24 proceed with Mr. Yaffa's questions, the questions
25 and the Doctor giving the answers, and, Doctor, if

1 you feel you need to look at the film to expound
2 upon it, that's fine.

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q Is there any other reason you need to
6 look at that film other than to state that it's
7 cystic or solid?

8 It's your opinion that it's solid,
9 correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. Any other reason to look at any
12 other films in this case?

13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
14 the question. I don't think it makes sense.

15 BY MR. YAFFA:

16 Q Do you understand what I'm asking you?
17 I want to know every radiologic basis for your
18 opinion, and you took me through every film you
19 described and described every abnormality. I went
20 through the films you identified that you are
21 relying on, have I not?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q I took you through each and every film
24 that you identified that you are relying on?

25 A Yes.

1 Q I've given you an opportunity to fully
2 explain anything you wanted to say regarding any

3 of the films that you are relying on, have I not?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Is there any other radiologic basis for
6 the opinions you are presenting in this case now
7 or at the time of trial other than what we talked
8 about?

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Answer the question and
10 I'll make a comment.

11 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

12 MR. GERAGHTY: I mean, it sounds like
13 the question you just asked is inconsistent. If
14 you want him to go through one by one, it doesn't
15 make sense from a time perspective. I don't want
16 the record to reflect you were somehow
17 prohibited.

18 MR. YAFFA: If he wants --

19 MR. GERAGHTY: Let me finish. It's your
20 deposition. I want you to conduct it the way you
21 want to conduct it. I agree with you that let's
22 move on, so I want to make sure we are on the same
23 page, that's all.

24 BY MR. YAFFA:

25 Q You looked at the ultrasound and it's

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1 solid.

2 What else do you want to tell me about
3 it?

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: Nothing more.

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q Nothing more, nothing less. Let's move

8 on. Let's get rid of the box and talk about the

9 rest of the stuff.

10 MR. GERAGHTY: You are going to take

11 possession of the ones that have been marked as

12 exhibits?

13 MR. YAFFA: Exactly.

14 MR. GERAGHTY: The record should be clear

15 as to what those are.

16 MR. YAFFA: Then I don't need to say

17 anything.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q Doctor, number two is all reports,

20 summaries and impressions and evaluation that you

21 prepared relating to this litigation.

22 A I didn't prepare any report.

23 Q All scientific publications that you

24 relied on are contained on the CD?

25 A They are on the CD.

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1 MR. YAFFA: We will mark the CD as

2 number 15.

3 (The document referred to

4 was thereupon marked as

5 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number

6 15 for Identification.)

7 BY MR. YAFFA:

8 Q Have you provided a copy of the CD to
9 the lawyers who retained you?
10 A I'm sorry?
11 Q Have you made a copy of the CD for the
12 lawyers that retained your services?
13 A Yes.
14 Q So, again, Exhibit 15, which is the CD,
15 is a copy for me, correct?
16 A Yes.
17 Q All right. Number 4 is all other
18 documents, literature, other data relied by you to
19 form your opinions in this litigation.
20 Have you relied on anything else other
21 than the medical records, the films that we talked
22 about, and the documents on the CD?
23 A No.
24 Q You certainly have not authored anything
25 pertinent to this case, correct?

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1 A No, sir.
2 Q Were you provided any publications,
3 documents, literature by the law firm that
4 retained your services?
5 A No, sir.
6 Q Were you provided any medical literature
7 by the law firm that retained your services?
8 A Not pertaining to this case, sir.
9 Q Were you provided anything relating to
10 other cases?

11 A Yes.

12 Q How many cases are you involved in on
13 behalf of this law firm?

14 A At this time, none.

15 Q At this time, none.

16 A No.

17 Q How many cases have you been involved in
18 with this law firm?

19 A I reviewed three cases.

20 Q All of them tobacco cases?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Why aren't you involved in the other two
23 anymore?

24 A I don't know.

25 Q Did you give them an opinion that the

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1 person that was injured was injured related to
2 smoking?

3 A No.

4 Q Did any of these three cases involve a
5 primary lung cancer?

6 A Two did and one did not.

7 Q This one, the Allen case, you do not
8 feel involved a primary lung?

9 A No. It's a metastatic kidney cancer.

10 Q I want to understand the basis for your
11 last answer.

12 In regard to the three, it was your

13 opinion that the Allen case did not involve a
14 primary lung. It was your opinion that the other
15 two did involve a primary lung cancer.

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q The other two cases, did you express the
18 opinion that the primary lung cancer could have
19 come from cigarette smoking?

20 A I actually expressed it did not come
21 from that.

22 Q So in the other two cases, you were of
23 the opinion it was a primary lung cancer, but the
24 primary lung cancer did not come from cigarette
25 smoking?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q What kind of cancer did they have in the
3 other two cases?

4 A Bronchial alveolar carcinoma, which is
5 not related to lung cancer. Actually, ovarian
6 carcinoma.

7 Q And statistically, is there a connection
8 between ovarian cancer and cigarettes?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Do you recall the name of the other case
11 you were involved in?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Let me just -- I'm aware
13 of the two cases. One of the cases I know for a
14 fact Dr. Antunez was not disclosed formally in the
15 case, or has not been yet, so his opinions would

16 be work product.
17 I know the case in which he was
18 disclosed is called Thornton versus Philip Morris.
19 MR. YAFFA: Thornton?
20 MR. GERAGHTY: Yes, but I would
21 interpose a work product to the identification of
22 the other case.
23 MR. YAFFA: So you are instructing him
24 not to answer.
25 MR. GERAGHTY: Yes.

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1 BY MR. YAFFA:
2 Q The Thornton case you have not been
3 deposed?
4 A No, sir.
5 Q What are your charges for this kind of
6 work?
7 A \$375 an hour, and I have separate
8 charges for deposition, which in all honesty I
9 have to look at my table and talk to my secretary
10 to tell you.
11 Q What about trial testimony?
12 A Same.
13 Q You charge a retainer?
14 A No.
15 Q Are you able to tell me how many hours
16 you have invested in this case?
17 A I'm not exactly sure right now, but

18 there have been more -- there were about 24 hours
19 to 30 hours of work.
20 Q Twenty-four to 30.
21 A Yes.
22 Q You are charging this law firm \$375 an
23 hour?
24 A Yes.
25 Q How many conferences have you had with

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1 these lawyers?
2 MR. GERAGHTY: Regarding this case.
3 MR. YAFFA: Sure.
4 THE WITNESS: Five.
5 BY MR. YAFFA:
6 Q Five conferences regarding Allen.
7 How many additional conferences have you
8 had with them regarding other cases?
9 A Five.
10 Q Total of 10 conferences?
11 A Yes.
12 Q I asked for all correspondence between
13 you and the lawyers who retained your services on
14 behalf of the tobacco industry.
15 You have not brought that with you?
16 A I told you that I don't have any other
17 than this.
18 Q I know you don't have it here.
19 Are you telling me that you don't have
20 it back at your office either?

21 A I don't have any other correspondence
22 other than this.
23 Q Do you have it back at the office with
24 the records that were delivered to you?
25 A I don't have any other correspondence

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1 other than this.
2 Q You told me you have not spoken to any
3 of the treating physicians in this case.
4 A Yes.
5 Q When I ask you that question, I'm
6 including the pathologists. You have not spoken
7 to Nadji or Civantos?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Your CV that you provided is up to date?
10 A Yes.
11 Q I requested copies of your invoices for
12 services rendered or receipts for monies
13 received.
14 A It's on the CD.
15 Q I'm sorry?
16 A It's on the CD.
17 Q The CV?
18 A It's on the CD.
19 Q I thought you were telling me CV.
20 A No, I'm sorry.
21 Q Your bills are on the CD?
22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Pursuant to the federal rules, experts
24 are supposed to lay out all the depositions that
25 they have given in the last four years, any kind

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1 of testimony.

2 Do you, in fact, have such a list of any
3 and all testimony that you have given by way of
4 deposition or trial?

5 A I haven't had any deposition or trial in
6 the last four years.

7 Q No deposition in the last four years?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q And no trial testimony in the last four
10 years?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Didn't you tell me earlier that you give
13 on average, a deposition, about two a year?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And you haven't given any in the last
16 four years?

17 A That's correct, sir.

18 Q You have given me all your notes with
19 the exception of those that you destroyed,
20 correct?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Let's talk about the notes if we can.
23 We started to talk about it earlier. It's Exhibit
24 Number 3. It says 9/26/02, 18:30.

25 September 26th of this year, at 6:30

1 p.m. Is that what that means?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And the name immediately to the right is
4 Ellen, you have to help me, sir.

5 A Phieffer.

6 Q P-h-i-e-f-f-e-r?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And next to that is?

9 A Sean and Gonzalo.

10 Q What does that mean?

11 A What's Sean's last name?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Would you prefer he just
13 read these down and when you get to a point,
14 rather than you have to keep doing that, if he
15 comes to a point, you can stop.

16 THE WITNESS: 9/26/2002, date of a
17 meeting. According to my notes, Ellen Phieffer --
18 excuse me. Ellen Phieffer, I have a note that
19 says about phone. We may have been in contact
20 with another person over the phone, but I didn't
21 write it down.

22 Mr. Barr, who is Gonzalo.

23 MR. GERAGHTY: For the record, Sean
24 Reilly.

25 MR. YAFFA: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: Allen case. It says 12
2 midnight.

3 BY MR. YAFFA:

4 Q You had a meeting for five and a half
5 hours?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Where did this meeting take place?

8 A Here.

9 Q Here in the office?

10 A Yes.

11 Q On September 26th?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And then it says number one, go ahead.

14 A Fact review. We reviewed the facts of
15 Mr. Allen's life and the history of his smoking.
16 That's what it means by 1935, his date of birth.
17 From Boston, he moved here. Since he was 14 years
18 old, around one and a half packs per day. I was
19 given the information verbally that the deposition
20 of his widow, she stated he never stopped smoking.

21 Q Let's stop there for a moment.

22 Were you ever provided the widow's
23 deposition?

24 A No.

25 Q So you have not read Sylvia Allen's

1 testimony either in its entirety or bits and

2 pieces?

3 A No.

4 Q Have you, over the course of your career
5 as a hematologist oncologist, had patients who
6 developed cancer which you feel was a result of
7 smoking and these patients have been simply unable
8 to quit even after the diagnosis?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were you advised that that's exactly
11 what happened in this case?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: I wasn't advised about
14 that in that term. What I was advised about was
15 that there was a discrepancy between what the
16 records said and what the deposition of Mrs. Allen
17 said.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q Were you advised that Mrs. Allen
20 testified that even after the diagnosis of cancer,
21 he couldn't stop smoking?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q And you experienced that yourself?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. Let's keep reading, please.

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1 A Marco, on the record he states that the
2 patient quit smoking in February, 1999. It's
3 about a week before seeing him. There was a

4 question of alcohol use. There was a note that he
5 may have had three admissions to the hospital that
6 were alcohol related, but I didn't have a record
7 of that. That's why I put when. He had been
8 advised on those occasions to stop smoking, but he
9 had refused.

10 MR. GERAGHTY: That's smoking or
11 drinking there?

12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Drinking. No,
13 smoking.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q It's smoking?

16 A Smoking, but he refused.

17 Q Have you, in fact, written notes like
18 that in the past regarding patients who are unable
19 to stop smoking who made repeated attempts?

20 A Can you please clarify your question?

21 Q Sure. Apparently you received some
22 information that Mr. Allen allegedly refused to
23 stop.

24 Do you know whether or not he refused to
25 stop or whether or not he was simply unable to

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1 stop?

2 A I didn't see those records.

3 Q You haven't seen any of those records?

4 A No.

5 Q This information that you have thus far
6 in the note is information relayed to you by the

7 lawyers?

8 A Yes, sir. I'm sorry, regarding that
9 line and the discrepancy with Mrs. Allen.

10 Q Okay. What about the alcohol?

11 A There is actually reference in the
12 record that he drank one and a half to two drinks
13 of vodka a day. I knew that he had an increased
14 alcohol intake.

15 Q Are you expressing the opinion in any
16 way, shape or form that that alcohol intake, one
17 and a half to two drinks a day, in any way, shape
18 or form caused or contributed to his death?

19 A No.

20 Q Let's go ahead and move on the note,
21 please.

22 A Diagnosis, 1993 with hypertension. His
23 height and weight, which is pertinent.

24 Q Let's stop there. In 1993, who made the
25 diagnosis of hypertension?

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1 A I don't have it on my note here.

2 Q Did you see a medical record?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Do you have any information regarding
5 how well controlled his hypertension was?

6 A No.

7 Q In regard to his height and weight, six
8 foot, 200 pounds?

9 A 220 pounds.

10 Q Okay. Is it your opinion that this man

11 was obese?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Is it your opinion that he was morbidly

14 obese?

15 A No.

16 Q What was his ideal body weight given his

17 height?

18 A About 170 pounds.

19 Q I'm six foot one and I'm two and a

20 quarter.

21 A Yes.

22 Q Are you going to tell me that I'm obese?

23 A I'm six foot two. My ideal body weight

24 is 180 pounds.

25 Q Something tells me that that scale that

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1 you all use for ideal body weight is way off.

2 Do you think --

3 MR. GERAGHTY: That's a personal

4 comment.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Do you think you are obese?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you think Mr. Allen was obese?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Morbidly obese?

11 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection, asked and

12 answered. He gave you an answer to that
13 question.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q I didn't hear it. I was too busy
16 thinking about how crazy your scales were.

17 A No.

18 Q To what degree and extent does his
19 height of six foot and weight of 220 pounds play a
20 role, if at all, in his illness?

21 A Obesity is the most consistent factor
22 linked to the etiology of kidney cancer.

23 Q Okay. And are there statistics that you
24 are aware of relating obesity and the extent
25 thereof to kidney cancer?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Are you able to give me a more
3 descriptive term regarding Mr. Allen's obesity and
4 the role that you think it played?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Are you able to quantify to any degree
7 the role, if any, you think his weight played?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Let's keep going.

10 A 1996, DM, diabetes mellitus. RX means
11 oral treatment. There is a question of what
12 medication he was taking for his hypertension.

13 1996, he had a left knee arthroscopy.

14 Q Stop there. In regard to the 1996
15 diabetes mellitus, did you receive information
16 about what medication he was taking orally?
17 A No.
18 Q Did you receive --
19 A I'm sorry, excuse me. I may have. I
20 didn't note it down on this note to refresh my
21 memory. I didn't think it was pertinent.
22 Q Do you have any information at all about
23 how well controlled his diabetes was?
24 A I only have information regarding the
25 control of his diabetes as he was in the hospital,

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1 and it was not well controlled.
2 Q In the hospital?
3 A Yes.
4 Q When he's not eating as he should be,
5 correct?
6 A Yes.
7 Q When he was in the hospital, this guy, I
8 imagine you are talking about from August through
9 the time that he died.
10 A Yes.
11 Q Death's door step, unable to eat and
12 function, you would expect his diabetes to be out
13 of control?
14 A Yes.
15 Q But again, I'm talking about before.
16 A No.

17 Q The time of diagnosis up until the
18 time --
19 A I answered to you, I told you that the
20 only information that I have is from the time he
21 was in the hospital when he was not well
22 controlled.
23 Q Is it your opinion --
24 MR. BARR: Just a second, please. Wait
25 until he asks the question.

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1 BY MR. YAFFA:
2 Q Okay.
3 A Okay.
4 Q Is it your opinion that the diabetes
5 played any role at all in the illness that
6 ultimately caused his death?
7 A No.
8 Q Okay. Then you get down into an area
9 called number two.
10 A Yes.
11 Q But I see information both down the
12 left-hand side of the page and down the right-hand
13 side of the page.
14 A Yes.
15 Q Where does that all fit in?
16 A As I am making my notes, I am also
17 making notes regarding whether there is an
18 association between alcohol use, lung cancer,

19 kidney cancer, and underneath that, there is a
20 note that says done by law firm, no association.
21 Q What does that mean?
22 A That means that the lawyers from Shook,
23 Hardy and Bacon may have told me we did that
24 research and there's no association between
25 alcohol and kidney cancer.

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1 Q Okay. Good.
2 A Then --
3 Q Do you agree with that?
4 A No, I didn't say anything about that. I
5 did my own research.
6 Q I'm asking you, do you agree there is no
7 association between alcohol and kidney cancer?
8 A No, there is no association.
9 Q So you agree that the alcohol in no way,
10 shape or form played a role in the disease that
11 ultimately killed this man?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Is there a relationship between alcohol
14 and lung cancer?
15 A Yes.
16 Q Okay. Let's go ahead and move on.
17 A Since I'm reading on the left-hand
18 column, it is weak association for kidney cancer,
19 it says hypertension analgesics and smoking.
20 Q You are saying there was, as reported to
21 you by the law firm, they told you that there was

22 a weak association between hypertension analgesics
23 and smoking and kidney cancer?

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

25 THE WITNESS: I don't know if that

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1 was -- I don't remember, as I read the note, if
2 that was given to me by the law firm, because it's
3 another paragraph, or if it was my own research
4 putting that down. That part I don't remember.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Knowing cancer as you do as a treating
7 oncologist, do you think you needed to rely on the
8 law firm to give you that information or is this
9 information that was well known to you?

10 A I didn't need to rely on the law firm to
11 give me that information.

12 Q Keep working either down the left side
13 of the page to complete the left column, assuming
14 that's where you went next, or we can go back to
15 number two.

16 A Then I go to number two. October, '98,
17 he suffers right foot trauma. The reason why I
18 put worse is because the pain was getting worse.

19 January 15, 1999, orthopedist finds that
20 there is a cuboid bone infiltration with
21 something. He refers him to see Dr. Temple who
22 does, by that time, a scooping of the lesion, and
23 what he says is Civantos. I'm referring to Dr.

24 Frank Civantos. Undifferentiated and I cannot
25 read my own handwriting.

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1 Q Nesting?
2 A Nesting pattern, clear cell and thin.
3 Q Can I stop you?
4 A Sure.
5 Q Did you look at any point at the slides
6 and determine with your own eyes whether or not he
7 did, in fact, have an undifferentiated cancer?
8 A No.
9 Q Did you look at any point at the slides
10 to determine whether or not he had a nesting
11 pattern?
12 A No.
13 Q Same question with regard to clear cell,
14 other than looking at the blowups that we talked
15 about earlier.
16 A No.
17 Q Go ahead.
18 A Then I refer the ultrasound that was
19 done later on, that says my review, that's my own
20 review. I can see a small mass on the left
21 kidney.
22 Q Hang on. You skipped something.
23 A Workup. I'm sorry, workup left upper
24 lobe, 1.8 centimeter spiculated lesion. I put
25 that's all the workup read. All means all the

1 workup read.

2 Q You know that's not true. You have seen
3 the rest of the report.

4 A Yes.

5 Q Go ahead.

6 A I am referring there to the CT scan to
7 the upper lobe description.

8 Q Go ahead.

9 A Below that I put down my review of the
10 ultrasound shows it's a left renal cortical mass.

11 Q Small mass?

12 A Small mass, and outside radiologist, I
13 don't know what I meant by that, if outside of
14 Sylvester, because there were radiologists reading
15 from Baptist. There is a sulcus left lower lobe
16 nodule.

17 Q When you say sulcus left lower nodule,
18 what do you mean?

19 A Sulcus is the area that I was describing
20 when I read the previous films. Adjacent to the
21 costal vertebral angle. It's called the sulcus.

22 Q Okay.

23 A It means -- then I make a note that a
24 bone scan is positive. Thoracic spine, clavicles
25 and ribs.

1 On the most right-hand side.

2 Q Before you leave that and go to the
3 right-hand side, why don't you comment on, in your
4 notes, the remainder of the positive findings that
5 came about from the January 16th CT scan, because
6 they talked about the metastasis to the spine.

7 Don't you remember seeing that?

8 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
9 the question.

10 THE WITNESS: I was not being
11 comprehensive on these notes.

12 BY MR. YAFFA:

13 Q You are just raising what in those
14 notes?

15 A Just salient points.

16 Q Go ahead.

17 A Right-hand side, comes back on the
18 report of a second opinion from pathology. I list
19 down the immunohistochemical report. Keratin and
20 EMA up, renal cell antigen negative, CEA
21 negative. PSA negative. HER2NEU negative.

22 Q Okay. Can I ask you some questions
23 before you move on?

24 What would you expect a primary renal
25 cell cancer to express in regard to the renal cell

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1 antigen?

2 A In reality I do not expect a renal cell

3 clear carcinoma to express any antigen for
4 certain, because there is no antigen that are
5 certain for marks, clear cell carcinoma of the
6 kidney.

7 What I expect it to have is a pathology,
8 histopathological evaluation that is consistent
9 with a clear cell carcinoma, and if we are having
10 a kidney specimen in our hands, I would have to
11 conclude that is from the kidney. If we are
12 having a metastatic lesion, I would have to look
13 for a kidney tumor.

14 Q Is it your testimony that the
15 immunohistochemical responses as listed here in
16 regard to the keratin, the EMA, the renal cell,
17 the AS, the CEA and HER2NEU are consistent with a
18 clear cell carcinoma?

19 A No, sir. My answer is that the
20 histopathology is what tells us what is a clear
21 cell carcinoma or not. The immunohistochemistry
22 does not tell us whether it is a --

23 Q My question is specifically on that
24 point. Is the immunohistochemistry consistent
25 with this being a renal primary?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Is it consistent with this being a
3 pulmonary primary?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q In regard to your opinion, assuming
6 you're right that this was a primary renal cancer,
7 is it your opinion that this was a routine,
8 typical clear cell variant of a primary kidney
9 cancer, or did Mr. Allen have some sort of
10 abnormal variant?

11 A I think this was a renal cell carcinoma,
12 a clear cell type.

13 Q Routine?

14 A I don't know what you mean by routine.

15 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

16 BY MR. YAFFA:

17 Q How often do you see a primary renal
18 cell cancer of this type in patients that you
19 treat?

20 A This is the most common type of renal
21 cancer.

22 Q Mr. Allen didn't have some sort of
23 strange, off the wall variant of this disease.
24 This is something you guys see and deal with all
25 the time?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. Let's go to number three.

3 A Treatment, that's the RX. RT to the
4 foot and spine. Then chemo. One to 4 of '99.
5 Paraplatin Taxol. He had progressive disease.

6 Four to 6 of '99. N-a-v-e-l-b-i-n-e and
7 g-e-m-c-i-t-i-b-n-e, with progressive disease,

8 June of '99, taxotere, t-a-x-o-t-e-r-e.
9 July, 1999, between quotation marks, CPT
10 11, which is the same thing as saying irinotecan,
11 i-r-i-n-o-t-e-c-a-n, until mid August, 1999.
12 August, 1999, interleukin-2. He
13 developed infections, and then thalidomide was
14 given, and there is an ultrasound of the kidney
15 done at that time that shows a solid --
16 Q Mass?
17 A You interpret my writing better than I
18 do, mass. Enlarging mass.
19 MR. GERAGHTY: There is only so much we
20 can do.
21 THE WITNESS: Below that, MRI of the
22 kidney read at UM as normal.
23 On the notes that I put down 1/26/99, it
24 says still undifferentiated tumor, is to refer to
25 the note of Dr. Sridhar, put down in his notes

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1 stating that the tumor still does not have a
2 diagnosis.
3 BY MR. YAFFA:
4 Q This is going back to the 1/26/99?
5 A Yes, sir, but not to the MRI, but to the
6 actual notes.
7 Q But again, that's still early on in the
8 treatment?
9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. What does it say over to the
11 left?
12 A Over on the left, I was asked that
13 question by the -- by Mr. Barr on whether the
14 treatment that this patient received was
15 consistent with a treatment of lung cancer. I
16 said yes, and I just put a note to me to pull out
17 a recent trial of the New England Journal of
18 Medicine of chemotherapy regimens that were done
19 by ECOG, which is Consortium of Cancer Centers,
20 and then I put a note there was clear cell
21 carcinoma on this trial.
22 Q Okay. Let me see if I get this
23 straight. It says get New England Journal of
24 Medicine, trial, ECOG of chemo.
25 What does the rest of it say?

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1 A My impression is conditions, but I'm not
2 certain.
3 Q Of chemo conditions. And it says
4 question mark well.
5 A Where?
6 Q Clear cell cancer on it.
7 A Yes.
8 Q This is what Mr. Barr was asking you to
9 do?
10 A No. This is my own question. Mr. Barr
11 just asked me if the treatment was the kind of
12 treatment that people received for lung cancer.

13 Q The treatment that Mr. Allen received,
14 we know was the kind of treatment that people get
15 for lung cancer because that's what he was treated
16 for.

17 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q Correct?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Are you critical of the treatment this
22 man received?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So you think that all these doctors were
25 wrong in terms of the diagnosis and they were

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1 wrong in terms of the treatment?

2 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q No, sir?

6 A No.

7 Q You told me they were wrong in terms of
8 the diagnosis. We have been through that.

9 You identified five doctors that you
10 think were wrong.

11 A Yes.

12 Q Dr. Sridhar is the doctor that was in
13 control of this patient's treatment, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q You think he was wrong in terms of the
16 treatment?
17 A No. He gave him the right treatment for
18 the wrong diagnosis.
19 Q At what point do you think Dr. Sridhar's
20 mistake should have been corrected?
21 A I think that as soon as this gentleman
22 did not respond to treatment with the most
23 effective first line combination of agents, the
24 diagnosis should have been put to question again
25 and it was not.

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1 Q At the time Mr. Allen was diagnosed in
2 January of 1999, what was his prognosis, assuming
3 your diagnosis is correct that he had a clear cell
4 kidney cancer primary that metastasized to the
5 spine, to the lungs, to the liver and all the
6 other areas that you think it metastasized to?

7 MR. GERAGHTY: What's the question?
8 What is the prognosis?

9 BY MR. YAFFA:

10 Q Instead of diagnosis, what was Mr.
11 Allen's prognosis?

12 A Less than six months to live.

13 Q Regardless of the kind of care?

14 A The median survival of someone with
15 metastatic renal cell carcinomas of Mr. Allen's
16 extent is five to six months. Treatment can alter
17 the course of disease of a very small but a

18 definite number of patients.

19 Q If Mr. Allen was sitting in your office
20 in January of 1999, looking you in the eye and
21 said to you, Doctor, in reality, am I going to
22 survive, would your answer have been to him in all
23 likelihood no?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Regardless of the treatment, the best

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1 possible treatment in the world that you could
2 offer, he was doomed at that point?

3 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: Not necessarily.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Help me.

7 A If the diagnosis had been made correctly
8 that he had metastatic renal cell carcinoma, the
9 next treatment would have been to do a left
10 nephrectomy.

11 Q But at the time of diagnosis, you
12 recognized that the cancer had metastasized to the
13 lungs, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q To the spine, correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Where else do you believe, the liver?

18 A It was not diagnosed at the time of the
19 diagnosis.

20 Q Where else do you believe it had already
21 spread at the time of diagnosis?
22 A The foot.
23 Q Where else?
24 A That's all that was found at that time.
25 Q Do you believe there was microscopic

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1 spread to many other areas, but not yet manifested
2 itself?
3 A Yes.
4 Q Now, you and I are talking, I'm a
5 patient in your office with all of these
6 findings. I look at you in the eye and say,
7 Doctor, I need to know the truth, am I going to
8 live. Give me the best possible treatment that's
9 out there and available.
10 A My answer would be the next best
11 treatment for you, given the fact that your
12 condition is appropriate, is to have a left
13 nephrectomy.
14 Q Assuming you do that, am I going to
15 live?
16 A I don't know. The reason to indicate
17 the nephrectomy is twofold. First of all, there
18 is a small group of patients that is probably
19 counted on the single digit percent, that whenever
20 subjected to a nephrectomy, have a complete
21 remission.
22 Secondly, there is a second group of

23 patients that have a longer survival than patients
24 that do not undergo nephrectomy and I don't
25 understand what group you would belong to.

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1 Q If we take your experience, given your
2 training, your education and all the years that
3 you have been doing this, at the time Mr. Allen
4 presented in January of 1999, and had a correct
5 diagnosis been made, the odds are vastly in favor,
6 even with the right diagnosis and with the
7 nephrectomy that you are suggesting, that he was
8 going to die?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q You are unable to testify, more likely
11 than not, within a reasonable degree of medical
12 probability, had there been a diagnosis of what
13 you believe was the correct diagnosis and had they
14 undertaken a nephrectomy and offered him
15 everything else out there, you are unable to say
16 he would more likely than not live?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Okay. And again, as to the cause of
19 this, whether or not smoking caused or contributed
20 to it, you don't know?

21 A I don't know.

22 Q We move on to page two. Please read me
23 the note and I'll stop you if I have questions.

24 A Second opinion, path. Quotation marks,

1 Q You said second opinion what?

2 A Path.

3 Q Pathology?

4 A Pathology between quotation marks, and
5 then I put on the left-hand side, it is a
6 question. I'm asked about the nesting pattern,
7 meaning regarding etiology, and I put in my own
8 handwriting no etiological meaning.

9 Q Stop. You were asked by the lawyers
10 does the fact that there is a nesting pattern,
11 does it have any etiological meaning at all to
12 identify where the likely primary was, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And when you either investigated it or
15 when you answered the question, you were able to
16 tell them the fact that there is nesting, it has
17 no etiologic meaning at all?

18 A That's not in my opinion.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Between quotation marks, clear cells,
21 between quotation marks, pinkish clear, and I put
22 a conclusion, renal cell carcinoma.

23 Q And have you ever seen a clear cell
24 presentation of adenocarcinoma of the lung?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Pardon me. Just one second.

2 Are you okay?

3 MR. GERAGHTY: How much longer do you
4 think you have?

5 MR. YAFFA: Not too much longer. I'm
6 going to try to wrap it up in two minutes.

7 MR. GERAGHTY: Let's take a two minute
8 rest room break.

9 (Thereupon a recess was taken in
10 deposition, after which the deposition
11 continued as follows:)

12 BY MR. YAFFA:

13 Q We were on page two.

14 A Yes.

15 Q And the last question was regarding the
16 clear cells, pinkish clear.

17 Do you see that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q I asked you whether or not you have ever
20 seen an adenocarcinoma of the lung with a clear
21 cell presentation.

22 A No.

23 Q Do you know whether one exists?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Does one exist?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Is it reported in literature?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Then please continue reading and

5 we'll talk about it.

6 A Nadji, I'm referring to Dr. Nadji from

7 UM, who read on a second opinion or conclusion,

8 the pathology. February 4, 1999, met CA C/W is

9 consistent with renal cell carcinoma.

10 Q Okay. Then the next note.

11 A Next note to the left is check

12 percentage HER2NEU renal cell antigen in RCC.

13 Q What does that mean?

14 A That's a note to myself to check the

15 meaning of these markers of renal cell carcinomas.

16 Q Again, as we found on the prior page,

17 those markers don't give you any information as to

18 whether or not it's a primary lung or kidney.

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. Then it says Monday, 3/30.

23 A I scratched it and I don't know why I

24 scratched it, and I put Shook, Hardy and Bacon,

25 and below that I put my note for my billing.

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1 Q Okay. It says 9/27, two hour records

2 review.

3 A Yes.

4 Q 9/28?

5 A Literature search, Sridhar markers,
6 records review for three hours.

7 Q When you say markers, the HER2NEU renal
8 cell antigen?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Then 9/28?

11 A Literature search, metastatic clear
12 cell, review of prior findings.

13 Q Okay.

14 A Three hours.

15 Q On September 28th, you spent six hours
16 working on this file?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q All the literature that you found and
19 are relying on to any degree is contained on the
20 CD?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Let's go to page three.

23 A September 30th, Shook, Hardy, Bacon
24 meeting, also with Mr. Tom Anderson for two
25 hours. They informed me of the two defendants and

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1 by doing that, they are telling me about the
2 presence of Mr. Tom Anderson, because he belongs
3 to the firm retained by RJR Nabisco.

4 My comment is meet the expert. Mr.
5 Anderson wanted to meet me.

6 Q Okay. So we had to meet the expert
7 meeting. Go ahead.
8 A Mr. Barr, he asked me for a case summary
9 and for my opinion foundation, which I gave to
10 him.
11 Q Did you give it to him in written form?
12 A No.
13 Q Was the meeting recorded in any way?
14 A No.
15 Q Videotape, audiotape?
16 A No, sir.
17 Q Court reporter?
18 A No, sir.
19 Q Go ahead.
20 A And then I go down, clarification of
21 treatment.
22 Q Okay. Let me stop you there.
23 Were your opinions and foundation in the
24 case summary that you just told me about any
25 different than they are now?

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1 A No.
2 Q Have you ever changed your opinions in
3 this case?
4 A No, sir.
5 Q Go ahead.
6 A Then I go down, 10/98, foot injury,
7 cuboid bone lesion. MRI done at the time, tumor
8 versus infection.

9 November of 1998, Dr. Temple does a
10 biopsy curettage and Dr. Civantos reads it as
11 undifferentiated carcinoma.

12 January 6, 1999, left upper lobe lesion
13 read as spiculated. I put Baptist Hospital and I
14 put hilar for hilar lesion, and there is a left
15 lung met, and I'm referring to the lesion that I
16 reviewed with you on the lower lobe of the left
17 lung.

18 Q Okay. Let's stop there for a moment.

19 On the January, you have 6, but it's
20 really January 16, 1999.

21 A It probably is a 16. I'm sorry, it may
22 be January 6th, because I think it belongs to the
23 CT scan done at that date.

24 Q The CT scan that was done showing the
25 left up lower lobe lesion at Baptist was January

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1 16th.

2 A Then it's January 16th.

3 Q Now, in regard to that left lower lobe
4 lesion, you have quotes, spiculated.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you, in fact, agree or not that the
7 left lower lobe mass was spiculated on the initial
8 CT of the chest?

9 A The reason I put it in quotation marks
10 is because I'm quoting somebody else.

11 Q Now, as an oncologist, having reviewed
12 the films, do you agree that the mass identified
13 on the January 16th CT was spiculated?
14 A No, sir.
15 Q It was not?
16 A No, sir.
17 Q It says Baptist Hospital, hilar, and
18 then it says --
19 A Left lung met.
20 Q That was the lower lobe abnormality that
21 was not commented on?
22 A Yes.
23 Q Now, having seen all of the information
24 in this case regarding the left lower lobe
25 abnormality, do you have an opinion, more likely

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1 than not, within a reasonable degree of medical
2 probability, whether or not that was scar or left
3 lower lobe metastasis?
4 A It was a metastasis.
5 Q Anybody that called it a scar likewise
6 is wrong?
7 A Yes, sir.
8 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
9 BY MR. YAFFA:
10 Q Okay. Let's go ahead and finish the
11 notes, please.
12 A One, I'm referring to the time of
13 January, 1999. Clear cell CA, Nadji, and then I

14 put down my exam and treatment, and the first
15 treatment which was given, Taxol and Paraplatin, I
16 put between quotation marks. It was started
17 before clear cell carcinoma diagnosis was made.

18 Then the progress of treatment. I put
19 down on the right-hand side empyema.

20 Q Read this.

21 A GEM SAR. Second line says g-e-m plus
22 NVL. It's actually B, not D, and that's the
23 second line treatment he received.

24 The next one is TXT, which is taxotere.
25 The next one is Il-2, interleukin-2, and the last

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1 one is thalidomide.

2 Q Okay. On the right you write empyema?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What is that?

5 A Empyema was the infection on the right
6 pleural that Mr. Allen developed around July of
7 1999.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Next line then says my impression. Just
10 a note to myself. I don't remember who brought it
11 up. It says HPV dash bladder CA.

12 Q What does that mean?

13 A If there was association for a viral
14 infection causing bladder carcinoma, or other
15 viral etiology for the bladder carcinoma. If

16 there was an association of a viral infection with
17 renal cell carcinoma, which is on the next line,
18 which says viral with RCC. Then there is a
19 quotation mark, if it's associated with
20 life-style. These are questions they are asking
21 me.

22 Q Looking for any other cause other than
23 tobacco.

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

25 BY MR. YAFFA:

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1 Q That's what is happening here, correct?

2 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't know, sir. I'm
4 just asking the questions -- answering the
5 questions they ask me.

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q They ask you is there a relationship
8 between HPV, which is a virus, and bladder cancer,
9 correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q They ask you whether or not there is a
12 relationship between virus and kidney cancer,
13 correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What does it say on the first line?

16 A Viral with renal cell carcinoma.

17 Q Viral with, or association with his
18 life-style with renal cell carcinoma?

19 A Yes.
20 Q Then it says what?
21 A It says reliance materials. It says the
22 sites.
23 Q Sites meaning where it's found?
24 A Yes. I don't know what I meant by RF or
25 RE. RCC is renal cell carcinoma. The risk factor

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1 for renal cell carcinoma.
2 Then I put Surgeon General, 1987, it
3 says RR, 1.7, and I'm referring to the Surgeon
4 General's report where he describes that kidney
5 cancer has RR of 1.7 with smoking.
6 Q Meaning that a smoker has an almost two
7 times risk for kidney cancer than a nonsmoker?
8 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
9 THE WITNESS: Meaning a smoker has 1.7
10 relative risk over a nonsmoker for kidney cancer.
11 BY MR. YAFFA:
12 Q That's why I said approximately 1.7.
13 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.
14 THE WITNESS: 1.7.
15 BY MR. YAFFA:
16 Q A smoker has a higher risk of kidney
17 cancer than a nonsmoker?
18 A Yes, sir.
19 Q Okay. These reliance materials, did you
20 come up with these yourself or was this given to

21 you by the law firm representing the tobacco
22 industry?
23 A They were mine.
24 Q Sites. When you say sites, are you
25 talking about sites regarding risk factor and

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1 renal cell carcinoma and you are going to the
2 Surgeon General's report?
3 A Yes.
4 Q Then what does it say?
5 A Volume four, tab 23, page seven, note on
6 6/15/96, this is a progress note from his primary
7 care physician, I believe. Says refuses to quit
8 smoking.
9 Q Again, is that something that you
10 focused on or is that something that the law firm
11 told you they wanted you to focus on?
12 A I focused on.
13 Q Again, as to whether or not Mr. Allen
14 refused to quit smoking or was simply unable to do
15 so, you don't know?
16 A That's what the record stated.
17 Q Again, my question is whether or not he
18 refused or whether or not he was simply unable to
19 stop, you have no opinion.
20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.
21 BY MR. YAFFA:
22 Q Do you have an opinion? If you do, this
23 is my opportunity to find out.

24 A As far as the facts, I have to go by
25 what the record says and the record says refuses

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1 to quit smoking.

2 Q Tell me about what the record also shows
3 that wasn't shown to you about his attempts to
4 stop.

5 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form. I
6 don't know how you can expect him to answer that.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you
8 mean, sir.

9 BY MR. YAFFA:

10 Q Maybe you told him behind the scenes,
11 like when he asked about the association.

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Move to strike the
13 comment.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q Did they tell you about the attempt to
16 try cold turkey?

17 A I don't know what you mean.

18 Q Did they tell you he attempted to stop
19 smoking cold turkey?

20 A You mean --

21 Q Did the law firm that retained your
22 services tell you that this man attempted multiple
23 times to stop cold turkey?

24 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

25 THE WITNESS: I did not see it on the

1 medical report.

2 BY MR. YAFFA:

3 Q That's not my question.

4 A I'm trying to answer you. They did not
5 tell me that.

6 MR. GERAGHTY: He's not done yet. The
7 Doctor is not done yet.

8 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to answer your
9 question. That was not on the medical records and
10 I did not ask about that.

11 BY MR. YAFFA:

12 Q Okay.

13 A They did not tell me.

14 Q Did they tell you that he attempted to
15 stop using nicotine gum?

16 A I just told you.

17 Q Listen to my question. My question is
18 real specific.

19 Did the lawyers tell you that he
20 attempted to stop using nicotine gum?

21 A They did not tell me.

22 Q Did they tell you that there is
23 testimony that he attempted to stop using nicotine
24 patches?

25 A They did not tell me.

1 Q Did they tell you that he attempted to
2 stop by going through hypnosis?

3 A No.

4 Q Did they tell you that this information
5 is contained in the deposition testimony of his
6 family?

7 A No.

8 Q So your comment is that you need to rely
9 what is in the records and is limited strictly to
10 the medical records you reviewed?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q As to whether or not this man refused to
13 quit or was simply unable to quit, you are unable
14 to comment above and beyond what you already
15 said?

16 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. YAFFA:

19 Q What other opinions do you have about
20 this gentleman and his disease other than what you
21 and I already talked about?

22 A Can you please be more specific?

23 Q Sure. I think you and I have covered in
24 great detail the fact that you are of the opinion
25 that he had a primary renal cancer and why,

1 haven't we?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Are there any other bases for your
4 opinion that you believe he had a primary renal
5 cancer, other than what we talked about adnauseam
6 today? Think about that for a second.

7 Have I adequately covered each and every
8 basis you have for the opinions that you have
9 expressed?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Do you have any other opinion about this
12 case or the care that Mr. Allen received that you
13 discussed with these lawyers or they have told you
14 they are going to elicit from you at the time of
15 trial that you and I have not talked about?

16 A No.

17 Q Have I adequately covered all of the
18 opinions that you came here today prepared to
19 testify to?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Are there any other issues that you
22 discussed with these lawyers about this case that
23 you and I have not yet discussed?

24 A No.

25 Q Are you aware of any pathologist who has

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1 reviewed this case locally?

2 A I don't know who the pathologist that
3 reviewed the case locally is. As a matter of
4 fact, when we were making comments regarding my

5 role as an expert, it was obvious that the law
6 firm had retained other experts for each one of
7 the aspects of the case. I did not want to know
8 what their opinions were.

9 Q My question was, are you aware as to
10 whether or not the law firm has retained other
11 local pathologists who have performed recuts of
12 the specimens and performed immunohistochemical
13 stains?

14 A I don't know whether they are local or
15 not.

16 Q Do you know whether or not they have had
17 any pathologist perform recuts and do
18 immunohistochemical stains?

19 A I presume that they have. I know that
20 they have hired other pathologists, but I don't
21 know if they have done recuts and the stains.

22 Q Has anybody from the law firm that's
23 retained your services advised you of the results
24 of any other immunohistochemical stains that were
25 done other than those done by Dr. Hammer?

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1 A No, sir.

2 Q Okay. If you give me about three
3 minutes, I'm going to review the materials I have
4 before me. I may very well be done. If I come
5 back and ask you questions, I promise you it's not
6 going to be but to clean up various areas. We are

7 not going to be here much longer.

8 A Thank you.

9 MR. GERAGHTY: I want to advise you Dr.
10 Antunez may be asked questions at trial regarding
11 what risk factors there are for the development of
12 kidney cancer and I think you explored some of
13 that, but I want to put you on notice.

14 MR. YAFFA: You will be surprised at the
15 one question I was going to ask was regarding risk
16 factors.

17 MR. GERAGHTY: He may be asked opinions
18 about that subject.

19 MR. YAFFA: Sure.

20 BY MR. YAFFA:

21 Q What risk factors did Mr. Allen have for
22 lung cancer?

23 A Smoking.

24 Q What else?

25 A Alcohol use.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A I don't know where he lived, so I don't
3 know if he lived in an area of radon exposure or
4 not.

5 Q The only risk factors that you can point
6 to, to testify now, at the time of your deposition
7 or at the time of trial, that Mr. Allen was
8 exposed to, with regard to lung cancer, was
9 smoking and his alcohol use of one and a half to

10 two drinks a day?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Now, let's talk about his risk factors

13 for kidney cancer.

14 What risk factors did he have for that?

15 A Obesity.

16 Q Anything else?

17 A No.

18 Q Wait a minute. Aren't we forgetting

19 smoking?

20 A No.

21 Q He didn't have a risk factor of smoking?

22 A I don't think smoking was a risk factor

23 for his disease.

24 Q Even though in your own citation it says

25 1.7, a smoker has 1.7 times the risk factor of a

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1 nonsmoker?

2 A Yes.

3 Q That doesn't count for Mr. Allen?

4 A The Surgeon General --

5 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: The Surgeon General that

7 I'm quoting there does not break down the risk for

8 renal cell carcinoma and transitional cell

9 carcinoma of the pelvis in that report.

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q So let's see if I can get this

12 straight. You are an oncologist testifying
13 locally, retained by the insurance industry or
14 lawyers retained by the insurance industry, it's
15 your opinion that --

16 MS. FURNESS: Insurance industry?

17 MR. YAFFA: Did I say insurance?

18 MS. FURNESS: Wrong case.

19 MR. YAFFA: Thank you.

20 BY MR. YAFFA:

21 Q Getting to the heart of the matter, I'm
22 going to strike the last question, obviously.

23 You are a hematologist oncologist here
24 today practicing in the State of Florida, locally,
25 in Dade County, retained by the lawyers

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1 representing the tobacco industry and it's your
2 opinion that smoking does not increase the risk of
3 kidney cancer to any degree.

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form of
5 the question.

6 BY MR. YAFFA:

7 Q Is that your testimony?

8 A Your previous questions were related to
9 Mr. Allen. I'm going to answer regarding the
10 current evidence about smoking and renal cell
11 carcinoma. Not all the studies show a positive
12 link between kidney cancer and smoking. Those
13 that show a link show a very weak link for
14 epidemiological studies, and within that link,

15 when you look for a dose response relationship,
16 the dose response relationship is absent in many
17 of the studies and, therefore, I could not
18 conclude that smoking can be a cause of kidney
19 cancer.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Are you finished?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. YAFFA:

23 Q Are you able to tell the jury that
24 smoking is not a cause of kidney cancer?

25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q Really?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Have you seen any of the studies out
4 there which are cited within many of the journals
5 that you receive in your office, documenting the
6 known association between smoking and kidney
7 cancer?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

10 BY MR. YAFFA:

11 Q You disagree with all those?

12 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q You agree that there is an increased
16 risk for smoking and kidney cancer?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You don't think Mr. Allen gets the

19 benefit of that risk.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: No, I didn't say that.

22 Your question was whether smoking caused renal

23 cell carcinoma.

24 BY MR. YAFFA:

25 Q No.

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1 MR. GERAGHTY: Rephrase your question.

2 THE WITNESS: Your previous question was

3 whether smoking caused renal cell carcinoma. My

4 answer was very clear. No, and I don't know what

5 causes renal cell carcinoma and I don't know

6 anyone that knows what causes it.

7 Your subsequent question was if there is

8 a link or if there is an increased risk factor for

9 smoking, and I told you it is reported by the

10 Surgeon General, and what I told you after that is

11 that I do not think that the basis for that report

12 actually supports the conclusion that smoking

13 causes renal cell carcinoma.

14 BY MR. YAFFA:

15 Q Do you believe that smoking increases

16 the risk for renal cell carcinoma?

17 A No.

18 Q To any degree?

19 A No.

20 Q Despite what has been generated by the
21 Surgeon General, that's your opinion?

22 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 BY MR. YAFFA:

25 Q Despite what's appeared in all the

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1 medical journals that have come through your
2 office?

3 A Yes.

4 MR. GERAGHTY: Same objection.

5 BY MR. YAFFA:

6 Q Despite what's printed by the National
7 Institute of Health?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Despite what's been authored by the
10 World Health Organization?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Despite what exists in the coffers of
13 the tobacco industry's own documents where they
14 relate an increased risk of kidney cancer as a
15 result of smoking, it's your opinion that there is
16 no increased risk?

17 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

19 MR. GERAGHTY: You have to let me
20 finish.

21 Objection to the form of the question.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't know what exists
23 in the coffers of the tobacco industry, sir.
24 BY MR. YAFFA:
25 Q You will find out.

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1 Have you seen any studies at all that
2 specifically state that seven out of 10 people who
3 are suffering from primary renal cancer have it as
4 a result of smoking?

5 A I haven't seen a study like that.

6 Q You haven't?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you read Feingold's report?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you look at it in detail or did you
11 just skim through it?

12 A It's very dense reading in which Dr.
13 Feingold goes really through one topic to
14 another. I did not really find a report that said
15 that seven out of 10 people that had kidney cancer
16 had it because of smoking. When you look at his
17 references, his references do not support his
18 contention.

19 Q Have you looked at the reference
20 regarding the seven out of 10 people who have
21 kidney cancer have it as a result of smoking?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You looked up that reference?

24 A Yes. It does not support his

25 conclusion.

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1 Q Okay. You think he made it up?

2 MR. GERAGHTY: Objection to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

4 BY MR. YAFFA:

5 Q Do you know Feingold?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Do you know Messinger?

8 A I know of Messinger. I don't know
9 Messinger.

10 Q Okay. I asked you about the risk
11 factors for lung cancer and you told me smoking
12 and his alcohol. I asked you for his risk factors
13 for kidney cancer and you told me what?

14 A Obesity.

15 Q Anything else?

16 A No.

17 MR. YAFFA: Doctor, it was a pleasure
18 meeting you. I wish you luck.

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

20 MR. GERAGHTY: We will read.

21 (Thereupon the taking of
22 the deposition was concluded.)

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